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CONSTITUTION
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NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE I

HOW CONSTITUTED

SECTION 1. This Grand Chapter shall be known by the name and style of "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina."

SEC. 2. This Grand Chapter shall consist

1st. Of the following officers, that is to say,

The Grand High Priest,
Deputy Grand High Priest,
Grand King,
Grand Scribe,
Grand Treasurer,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Captain of the Host,
Grand Principal Sojourner,
Grand Royal Arch Captain,
Grand Master of the Third Veil,
Grand Master of the Second Veil,
Grand Master of the First Veil,
Grand Sentinel.

2nd. Of the

Past Grand High Priests,
Past Deputy Grand High Priests,
Past Grand Kings,
Past Grand Scribes,

of this Grand Chapter, so long as they remain members of Chapters under this Grand Chapter.

3rd. Of the

High Priest,
King,
Scribe,

of each Chartered Chapter working under this Grand Chapter.

4th. Of all Past High Priests of Chapters working under this Grand Chapter, so long as they remain members of Chapters in this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II

PROXIES

SECTION 1. The High Priest, King or Scribe of any Chapter, or either of them, may appoint any member of his own Chapter as his proxy to represent him in the Grand Chapter. Such proxy shall be in writing and signed by the officer appointing him.

ARTICLE III

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

SECTION 1. This Grand Chapter shall hold an Annual Convocation at such time and place as shall be provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall severally be elected by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast for that purpose, at each Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. The appointive officers of this Grand Chapter shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest immediately preceding his installation.

ARTICLE V

VOTING

SECTION 1. In all questions in the Grand Chapter, each member has one vote and no more: *Provided*, That in the election of officers if a High Priest, King or Scribe is not present in person or by proxy, his vote may be cast by the senior officer present.

ARTICLE VI

POWERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

SECTION 1. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina is the highest source of authority in Royal Arch Masonry within said State. It claims, and of right enjoys, the sole government and superintendence of all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within said jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. It may grant Charters and Dispensations for holding regular Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, with the right to confer therein the several degrees of Masonry, denominated Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, and when deemed expedient and for good cause may annul, revoke or amend such Charter or Dispensation, or any pre-existing Charter or Dispensation.

SEC. 3. It may assign the limits of each Chapter under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise be-

tween them; and it has final decision and determination of all matters of controversy and grievances that may be brought up by appeal or otherwise.

SEC. 4. It may reprimand, suspend or expel from its own body any member for a violation of this Constitution or the By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 5. It may assess and collect from the several Chapters under its jurisdiction such sums of money, annually, as may from time to time be found necessary for the support and maintenance of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 6. It may supervise the state and condition of its own finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be for the good of the Order.

SEC. 7. It may make and adopt laws and general regulations for the government of the Chapters under its jurisdiction, and at pleasure alter, amend or repeal the same.

SEC. 8. It shall, at each Annual Convocation, consider and review the reports and doings of the Grand Officers for the preceding year, as well as those of the several Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 9. It may consider and do all, whatsoever it may regard as necessary or appertaining to the well being and perpetuity of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of North Carolina.

ARTICLE VII

ALTERATION OR AMENDMENT

SECTION 1. Any alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be proposed in writing, at an Annual Convocation, shall lie over until the next Annual Convocation, and be published with the proceedings; when, if adopted by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present, the same shall become a part of this Constitution, and not otherwise.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
OF
NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLE I

CONVOCATIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

ANNUAL CONVOCATIONS

SECTION 1. The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held at such time and place as each preceding Annual Convocation shall determine: *Provided*, That the Grand High Priest, by and with the advice and consent of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, or any two of them, shall have the power to change the time or place of holding the next Annual Convocation, when in their opinion circumstances demand it.

SPECIAL CONVOCATIONS

SEC. 2. Special Convocations of the Grand Chapter may be held at such times and at such places as the Grand High Priest may designate, due notice thereof having been given to each Chapter and to each officer of the Grand Chapter; but no business shall be transacted at a Special Convocation except that specified in the original notice or call.

QUORUM

SEC. 3. At any Annual or Special Convocation of this Grand Chapter, it shall require the representatives of not less

than five Chapters to be present to form a quorum for the transaction of business.

ABSENCE OF FIRST FOUR OFFICERS

SEC. 4. At any Convocation or session of the Grand Chapter, should all of the first four elective Grand Officers be absent, the Junior Past Grand High Priest shall be empowered to open and preside; and in the event that no Past Grand High Priest qualified to preside be present, the High Priest of the senior Chapter present shall take the chair as acting Grand High Priest.

FISCAL YEAR

SEC. 5. The fiscal year of the Grand Chapter shall end on the first day of the month in which the Annual Convocation is held in each year, and the books and accounts of the Grand Chapter shall be closed and balanced as of that date.

ARTICLE II

GRAND OFFICERS

WHO ARE ELIGIBLE

SECTION 1. No Companion shall be eligible to office in this Grand Chapter who is not at the time of his election or appointment a member in good standing of a Chapter in this jurisdiction: *Provided*, No Companion shall be eligible to election as Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe, who has not been elected, installed and presided over a Royal Arch Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

NOT TO SERVE AS OFFICERS OF CHAPTER

SEC. 2. Neither of the first four Grand Officers while in office shall serve as High Priest, King or Scribe of a Subordinate Chapter.

ELECTIONS

SEC. 3. The election of officers of this Grand Chapter shall be held at the second session of each Annual Convocation.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS

SEC. 4. The elective officers of this Grand Chapter shall be a

Grand High Priest,
Deputy Grand High Priest,
Grand King,
Grand Scribe,
Grand Treasurer,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Captain of the Host,
Grand Principal Sojourner,
Grand Royal Arch Captain,
Grand Master of the Third Veil,
Grand Master of the Second Veil,
Grand Master of the First Veil.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

SEC. 5. The appointive officers of this Grand Chapter shall be a

Grand Lecturer,
Grand Chaplain,
Grand Sentinel,
Grand Librarian.

SEC. 6. The title of the Grand High Priest is "Most Excellent," that of the remaining elective officers, "Right Excellent," and that of the appointive officers, "Excellent."

INSTALLATION

SEC. 7. The officers of this Grand Chapter shall not be installed until all other business before the Grand Chapter has been entirely disposed of, except the appointment of committees and the reading and approval of the minutes.

ARTICLE III

POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS

GRAND HIGH PRIEST—GENERAL DUTIES

SECTION 1. The Grand High Priest by virtue of his office has a watchful care and supervision over the Chapters in this jurisdiction, and it is his duty to see that the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of the Grand Chapter are strictly and promptly obeyed.

DISPENSATIONS

SEC. 2. He has authority during the recess of the Grand Chapter to grant Letters of Dispensation to a competent number of petitioners residing in this jurisdiction and possessing the legal qualifications, empowering them to form a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; such Dispensation to be in force until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, unless by him revoked for good cause: *Provided*, no dispensation shall be issued within three months prior to the Annual Convocation.

INSTITUTE NEW CHAPTERS

SEC. 3. He shall, either in person or by proxy, by him commissioned for the purpose, institute and set to work all Chapters under Dispensation.

CONVENE CHAPTERS

SEC. 4. He may convene Chapters at pleasure, preside therein, inspect their books, records and work, and give such instructions relative to the same as may be necessary to insure a strict conformity to the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of this Grand Chapter.

OFFICIAL DECISIONS

SEC. 5. He may render official decisions which shall be binding only until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

ARREST CHARTER

SEC. 6. He has the power, for good cause, to suspend the labors of a Chapter, and if he deems it necessary, to arrest its

Charter until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

APPOINTMENTS

SEC. 7. He shall appoint all Standing Committees and all Special Committees whose appointment is not otherwise provided for.

REPRESENTATIVES

SEC. 8. He may appoint Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters and may receive and accredit Representatives of such other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, such commissions to expire at the succeeding Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter.

DISPENSATIONS

SEC. 9. He may grant such Dispensations as are authorized by the laws of this Grand Chapter.

SUSPEND GRAND OFFICER

SEC. 10. He may, for good cause, and with the written concurrence of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, or any two of them, suspend from office any officer of the Grand Chapter until the next Annual Convocation.

SUSPEND OFFICER OF CHAPTER

SEC. 11. He may suspend from office any officer of a Chapter, subject to the decision of the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, to which he shall report his action, with the reasons therefor, and a detailed statement of the facts.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

SEC. 12. At the opening of each Annual Convocation he shall make a written report to the Grand Chapter of his official acts and doings, and such other matters as he may deem necessary for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

OTHER DUTIES

SEC. 13. He shall perform such other duties as the nature of his station may require, or the ceremonies and ritual of the Royal Craft may impose.

DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST

POWERS AND DUTIES

SEC. 14. It is the duty of the Deputy Grand High Priest to counsel, aid and support the Grand High Priest in his official duties, and in the event of his absence or inability to attend any Convocation, to preside over the Grand Chapter; and in the event of the death, absence, other than temporary, from the jurisdiction, or if from any reason the Grand High Priest shall be unable to discharge the duties of his office, then the powers and duties of that office shall devolve on the Deputy Grand High Priest.

GRAND KING AND GRAND SCRIBE

DUTIES

SEC. 15. In the event of the inability of their respective superiors to perform their duties, the Grand King and Grand Scribe shall severally, in order, according to rank, perform the duties of Grand High Priest. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand High Priest, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

MAY PRESIDE IN CHAPTERS

SEC. 16. The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, severally, have the right to preside in any Chapter in this jurisdiction, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may demand, taking care always to adhere to the Ancient Landmarks, and the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of this Grand Chapter.

GRAND TREASURER

DUTIES

SEC. 17. It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys from the hands of the Grand Secretary, and give his receipt therefor, being careful to make due entries of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Secretary. He shall, at the first session of each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, report in writing a full account of all moneys received and paid out by him during the past year, stating the balance remaining on hand.

BOND

SEC. 18. He shall annually execute a bond in some surety company to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, to be approved by the Grand High Priest, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties, in such amount as the Grand High Priest fixes; the premium of such bond to be paid by the Grand Chapter.

SHALL DELIVER TO HIS SUCCESSOR

SEC. 19. At the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver over to his successor all moneys, books, papers and other property belonging to the Grand Chapter that may be in his hands or under his control as such Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY

DUTIES

SEC. 20. It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to attend all Convocations of the Grand Chapter, keep a true and faithful record of its proceedings, furnish a copy thereof, and superintend the printing of the same immediately after the close of each Annual Convocation. He shall keep a book in which he shall have recorded all Charters for organizing new Chapters, that may be issued by authority of this Grand Chapter, and procure and keep all such other books and stationery necessary for his office and for the use of the Grand Chapter.

COLLECT MONEYS—MAKE REPORT

SEC. 21. He shall collect all moneys due the Grand Chapter and pay the same immediately over to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and at the first session of each Annual Convocation, report in writing, to the Grand Chapter, a full and clear statement of all moneys received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer; all warrants drawn on the Grand Treasurer specifically stating all amounts due and unpaid from Subordinate Chapters, keeping a ledger for that purpose; and the length of time any Chapter may not have been represented in the Grand Chapter.

WARRANTS—PROCEEDINGS

SEC. 22. He shall make out and sign all warrants on the Grand Treasurer. He shall keep the seal of the Grand Chapter and affix the same to all charters, dispensations, communications, records and other documents proper to be sealed and certified. He shall from time to time, regularly transmit to the Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Secretary of the several Grand Chapters and to the Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, three copies each, to the General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, to each member of this Grand Chapter and to each Representative to and from this Grand Chapter, one copy each, and to such Masonic Libraries and Masonic periodicals as in his judgment may be the proper recipients thereof, each one copy, of the printed proceedings of this Grand Chapter.

BLANKS FOR RETURNS

SEC. 23. He shall furnish each Chapter duplicate blanks for annual returns, both to be filled; one to be returned to the Grand Secretary, the other to be retained by the Chapter, which blanks shall embrace such items as shall be necessary to compile the statistics of the Grand Chapter. He shall receive the returns and make settlement with the Chapters and lay the same annually before the Grand Chapter.

BOND

SEC. 24. He shall annually execute a bond in some surety company to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, to be approved by the Grand High Priest, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties, in such amount as the Grand High Priest fixes; the premium of such bond to be paid by the Grand Chapter.

SHALL DELIVER TO HIS SUCCESSOR

SEC. 25. He shall perform such other duties as may pertain to his office as Grand Secretary, together with such as may be assigned him by the Grand High Priest or the Grand Chapter, and such as are traditionally appropriate to his station, and at the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver to his successor all books, papers, the seal and other property of the Grand Chapter which may be in his custody.

GRAND LECTURER

DUTIES

SEC. 26. The Grand Lecturer shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest, and commissioned under the seal of the Grand Chapter, attested by the Grand Secretary, which commission shall remain in force until the next Annual Convocation succeeding his appointment, unless revoked by the Grand High Priest. He shall have in special charge the work of this Grand Chapter and shall see that no other work is taught or practiced in this Grand Jurisdiction. He may call Chapters together for instruction at such times and places as he may deem expedient and preside therein. He shall perform such other duties as he may from time to time be directed by the Grand Chapter or the Grand High Priest, or as may be appropriate to his station. He shall annually make a report to the Grand Chapter of all official duties performed by him, together with an abstract of the state of the work. He shall receive as compensation for his services four dollars per day and expenses, payable by the Chapter upon whose invitation he performs his duties.

REMAINING GRAND OFFICERS

DUTIES

SEC. 27. The duties of all other Grand Officers shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, and such as may be allotted to them from time to time by order or the Grand High Priest or the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IV

REVENUES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

FEES FOR DISPENSATION AND CHARTER

SECTION 1. The revenue of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources:

- A. For each dispensation for forming and opening a Royal Arch Chapter, which shall be in full for both warrant and charter when same is issued----- \$50.00
- B. For dispensation granted by the Grand High Priest 2.00
- C. For each demit furnished a member of a dormant or extinct Chapter by the Grand Secretaary----- 2.00
- D. For each companion exalted, the Chapter, whether chartered or under dispensation, shall pay----- 1.50

ANNUAL DUES

SEC. 2. Every Chartered Chapter shall annually pay to the Grand Chapter 75 cents per annum dues for each member borne on the roll of the Chapter on the first day of the month preceding that in which the Annual Convocation is held, including those exalted within the year.

FAILING TO MAKE RETURNS OR PAY DUES

SEC. 3. Any Chapter failing either to make returns or to pay dues for two years thereby forfeits its Charter, and shall not resume labor except by authority from the Grand High Priest or the Grand Chapter.

TIME TO MAKE RETURNS

SEC 4. Chapters shall make their returns to the Grand Secretary on or before the first of the month in which the Annual Convocation is held.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

ENUMERATION

SECTION 1. At every Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, the following committees shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest, to consist of three members each, unless otherwise ordered.

That the Grand High Priest be requested, in appointing committees at the Annual Convocations, to rotate the members, so that no member shall serve longer than three years successively on any one committee.

1. On Credentials,
2. On Doings of Grand Officers,
3. On Finance,
4. On Unfinished Business,
5. On Appeals and Grievances.
6. On Charters and Dispensations,
7. On Returns of Chapters,
8. On Mileage and Per Diem,
9. On Time and Place of Next Annual Convocation,
10. On Necrology,
11. On Jurisprudence.

The reports of all committees shall be submitted in writing.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

SEC. 2. The Grand High Priest shall, after his installation, appoint one Companion as a Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, who shall make his report at the next Annual Convocation.

ARTICLE VI

NEW CHAPTERS

CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION

SECTION 1. Dispensations for forming and opening new Chapters may be issued by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest during recess of the Grand Chapter. Dispensations so issued shall be in force only until the succeeding Annual Convocation of this body, unless continued by vote thereof: *Provided*, That no Dispensation shall be issued within three months prior to the Annual Convocation or to a less number than twelve regular Royal Arch Masons; nor shall any new Chapter be formed without first obtaining the consent of all Chapters whose jurisdiction will be affected thereby: *Provided*, No charter shall be granted to a Chapter Under Dispensation unless and until such Chapter shall have a membership of at least twenty-five regular Royal Arch Masons.

OFFICES

SEC. 2. The offices of High Priest, King and Scribe of a Chapter under Dispensation shall be filled by appointment of the Grand High Priest; and all other offices necessary for the work of the Chapter are filled by appointment of the High Priest.

U. D.—HOW SET TO WORK

SEC. 3. Chapters under dispensation shall be set to work by the Grand High Priest in person, or by some Companion duly authorized to perform that duty as the proxy of the Grand High Priest.

U. D.—POWERS OF

SEC. 4. Chapters under dispensation may do all things clearly expressed in the Letters of Dispensation creating them, such as electing candidates, conferring degrees and forming a code of by-laws.

SHALL FORWARD BOOKS, ETC.

SEC. 5. At least fifteen days before the first day of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, the Chapters under

dispensation shall forward to the Grand Secretary their books and records, showing everything done by authority of the Letters of Dispensation, together with the dispensation and a copy of their by-laws.

CONSTITUTION

SEC. 6. When a Charter is issued by order of the Grand Chapter (and it can be only done at its Annual Convocation), before any such Chapter can lawfully meet as such they must assemble by or under the authority of the Grand High Priest, their Chapters duly constituted and the officers named in the Charter duly installed.

OFFICERS

SEC. 7. The High Priest, when duly installed, shall fill, by appointment, all other offices necessary to the organization of the Chapter; and all officers will then serve as such until their successors are duly elected and installed at the time provided for in the by-laws of such Chapter.

ARTICLE VII

CHARTERED CHAPTERS

SHALL CONSIST OF

SECTION 1. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under this jurisdiction must consist of a

High Priest,
King,
Scribe,
Treasurer,
Secretary,
Captain of the Host,
Principal Sojourner,
Royal Arch Captain,
Master of Third Veil,
Master of Second Veil,
Master of First Veil,
Sentinel,

and as many members as may be found convenient for work and good government.

BY-LAWS

SEC. 2. Every Chapter chartered by this Grand Chapter shall adopt by-laws for its government: *Provided*, That the same conform to the laws of the Grand Chapter. Such Chapter shall, in its by-laws, fix the time of its stated meetings, the fees for the degrees, the annual dues of members, and the time for the election of officers.

AMEND BY-LAWS

SEC. 3. A Chapter has the right to revise, alter or amend its by-laws in the manner provided in such by-laws. All amendments or alterations must be approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence before they will become effective.

CANNOT SUSPEND BY-LAWS

SEC. 4. A Chapter cannot suspend its by-laws, or any of them.

MUST BE OPENED PROPERLY—QUORUM

SEC. 5. No Chapter shall be opened unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons; for all purposes except opening and closing a Chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum. Dependent Lodges shall not be opened until the Chapter is first opened and dispensed with; after the work of the dependent lodges is accomplished, they should be closed, and the Chapter resume labor and be closed in form.

CHARTER MUST BE PRESENT

SEC. 6. At all meetings of the Chapter when opened on any degree, the Charter or Dispensation must be present.

SEAL

SEC. 7. Every Chartered Chapter must have a seal, and all official papers issued by the Chapter must be attested by an impression of the same.

STATED CONVOCATIONS

SEC. 8. The Stated Convocations of a Chapter shall be held at the time specified in the by-laws, which should require a meeting at least once in each month, at which all regular business of the Chapter should be transacted: *Provided*, That a Chapter may provide in its by-laws for the omission of any meeting in the months of July and August.

SPECIAL CONVOCATIONS

SEC. 9. Special Convocations of a Chapter may be held at the usual place of meeting and at such times as the High Priest may direct, upon due notice to the resident members: *Provided*, That its object shall be stated in the notice; and at such special meeting no business shall be in order except that for which it shall have been convened.

MINUTES APPROVED

SEC. 10. The minutes of a Chapter are not adopted, but approved as a true record of the proceedings. If they do not furnish a correct statement of the transactions of the Chapter, they ought to be revised and made to conform to the facts. Objections to minutes can only be entertained when they point out errors or omissions in the record, and the High Priest should give opportunity for such correction. If none are suggested, he should announce the minutes approved and order the fact noted.

BUSINESS

SEC. 11. All business must be transacted in open Chapter, in the Royal Arch Degree, except the conferring of the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, which must be done in the proper Lodges respectively.

SUNDAY

SEC. 12. No Convocation shall be held on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, for any purpose other than the burial of a deceased Companion, or uniting with a Lodge,

at its invitation, in funeral services: *Provided*, That a Chapter may convene for public worship on Sunday when authorized so to do by Dispensation from the Grand High Priest.

FEEES

SEC. 13. No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than twenty dollars, which amount shall accompany the petition; and it is expressly ordered that the degrees shall not be conferred upon any one without the fee is paid, and no portion of it can be returned, either as a loan, donation or otherwise.

NO APPEAL FROM HIGH PRIEST'S DECISION

SEC. 14. No appeal lies to a Chapter from a decision of the High Priest. His decision can be reviewed only by the Grand High Priest during the recess of the Grand Chapter, subject to final action by the Grand Chapter, or by appeal directly to the Grand Chapter.

SUBSTITUTES

SEC. 15. Chapters are directed in all cases where it is convenient, to have three candidates in the conferring the Royal Arch Degree; but when it is not convenient, one or two substitutes may be used without violating the ritual or the installation charges delivered to a High Priest.

WORK

SEC. 16. Every Chapter shall practice the work of the General Grand Chapter and exemplified by the Grand Lecturer; and any Chapter wilfully violating this provisions shall be subject to discipline, but the phraseology of the Blue Lodge may be used so far as it applies to the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees of the Chapter.

SUMMONS

SEC. 17. The High Priest or the Chapter has the right to summons any member of the Chapter for any purpose within the scope and business of Masonry. A summons must be

written or printed, signed by the Secretary and under the seal of the Chapter, and need not contain anything beyond the requisition to attend.

SERVICE OF SUMMONS

SEC. 18. A summons may be served by any Royal Arch Mason designated for that purpose by the High Priest, by delivering a copy thereof in person to the party named in the summons. Or it may be mailed to him, by the Secretary in a sealed envelope, addressed to him at his present or last known place of residence.

SUMMONS MUST BE OBEYED

SEC. 19. Every Royal Arch Mason is bound to obey a summons; and for failure without good and sufficient cause, shall be notified to appear before his Chapter at its next meeting; and, if a satisfactory excuse be not rendered, charges shall be preferred against him, and, upon trial, he may be punished as the Chapter shall determine.

MARK

SEC. 20. No Chapter in this jurisdiction shall exalt a candidate to the Most Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason until he shall have selected and recorded his Mark.

CHARTER FORFEITED

SEC. 21. A Chapter forfeits its Charter when it fails to meet for twelve months; and labor shall not be resumed unless by authority of the Grand High Priest or Grand Chapter.

CHARTER ARRESTED

SEC. 22. When the Charter of a Chapter has been arrested by the Grand High Priest, the rights, privileges and jurisdiction of the Chapter are not destroyed, but remain in abeyance until the Grand Chapter passes upon the arrest. Justice to the Chapter requires that all its rights should remain intact;

therefore, it is improper for certificates to be granted to members of the Chapter, and illegal for any other Chapter to receive a petition for the degrees from one living within the jurisdiction of the Chapter whose Charter has been arrested, until such action is confirmed by the Grand Chapter.

CHAPTER PROPERTY

SEC. 23. Chapters ceasing to exist, from any cause, forfeit to the Grand Chapter all of their property and effects, and the last High Priest, Treasurer or Secretary of a Chapter extinct from any cause, shall forward to the Grand Secretary all the books, papers, jewels, funds, Charter and seal of said Chapter, and hold all other property of the same subject to his order.

DUES FROM MEMBERS OF EXTINGUISHED CHAPTERS

SEC. 24. A member of an extinct Chapter is not liable for dues after the Chapter becomes extinct. But the Grand Chapter has the right to collect from members all dues chargeable against them up to the time it became extinct, and to discipline all those who refuse or neglect to pay the same.

MEMBERS OF EXTINGUISHED CHAPTERS

SEC. 25. When a Chapter has ceased to exist, any member thereof may join another Chapter upon petition and certificate from the Grand Secretary that his standing therein was good when such Chapter ceased to exist, and that all dues and other liabilities have been paid.

ANNUAL RETURNS

SEC. 26. It shall be the duty of each Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, in each and every year, to make and transmit by mail or express to the Grand Secretary an annual report, according to the form to be furnished by the Grand Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of a Chapter shall be

High Priest,
King,
Scribe,
Treasurer,
Secretary,
Captain of the Host,
Principal Sojourner,
Royal Arch Captain,
Master of Third Veil,
Master of Second Veil,
Master of First Veil,
Sentinel.

HOW CHOSEN

SEC. 2. All officers shall be elected or appointed at the Regular Convocation in March of each year, and shall hold and discharge the duties of their respective offices until their successors are duly elected or appointed and installed. The installation shall take place at the same or at a subsequent Convocation, prior to April 1st.

OFFICER'S RANK IN CHAPTERS

SEC. 3. In the preliminary degrees the officers of the Chapter shall take rank as follows:

The High Priest as R. W. Master;
The King as Senior Warden;
The Scribe (except in the M. E. Master's degree) as Junior Warden;
The Captain of the Host as Marshal;
The Principal Sojourner as Senior Deacon;
The Royal Arch Captain as Junior Deacon;
The Sentinel as Tiler;

and in the Mark Master's Degree the Master of the Third Veil as Master Overseer, the Master of the Second Veil as Senior Overseer, the Master of the First Veil as Junior Overseer.

PRESIDING OFFICERS

SEC. 4. In the absence of the High Priest from any meeting of the Chapter, the King shall preside, if present; in the absence of both, the Scribe shall preside; in the absence of all three of the principal officers, the Junior Past High Priest shall preside.

SUCCESSION

SEC. 5. In case of the death or disability of the High Priest, the King and Scribe will, in succession, assume his prerogatives and duties for all purposes, except such as pertain to the installation of officers.

REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

SEC. 6. The removal of the High Priest, King or Scribe, or any other officer, from the State, vacates his office during the term for which he was elected or installed.

VACANCY IN PRINCIPAL STATIONS

SEC. 7. Should the stations of High Priest, King and Scribe of a Chapter become vacant by death or otherwise, the Grand High Priest may grant a Dispensation for an election to fill such vacancy. He shall appoint some qualified Companion to call a meeting of such Chapter, for the purpose of holding the election, preside at the same and install the officers when elected, or he may himself call such meeting and preside thereat.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SEC. 8. In all elections of officers in a Chapter, a majority of votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. Blank ballots shall not be counted.

ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS

SEC. 9. Every member in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the Chapter.

SPECIAL ELECTION

SEC. 10. The Grand High Priest has the power to grant Dispensations to hold special elections for officers, in case of a failure to elect at the time specified in the by-laws.

OFFICERS—LENGTH OF SERVICE

SEC. 11. The officers of a Chapter are elected to serve for a term of twelve months, and in all cases shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed.

RESIGNATIONS

SEC. 12. Neither the High Priest, King or Scribe of a Chapter can resign, but any other officer can do so.

INSTALLED OFFICER CANNOT DEMIT

SEC. 13. An installed officer cannot demit while in office.

CHAPTERS MUST BE OPENED FOR INSTALLATION

SEC. 14. An installation of the officers cannot be held, either in public or private, without first opening the Chapter. The records of the Chapter must show the installation of its officers, and records should only be made of business transactions while the Chapter is in session.

INSTALLING OFFICERS

SEC. 15. The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Present or Past High Priests are qualified to install the officers of a Chapter.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

SEC. 16. An officer of the Chapter, re-elected or reappointed, need not be reinstalled.

ARTICLE IX

PETITIONS

SECTION 1. All applications for the degrees or membership shall be signed by the applicant in person, and must be presented at a Stated Convocation of the Chapter; and when received and referred to a committee cannot be withdrawn, but must be balloted on for final action.

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION

SEC. 2. Every petition for the degrees or membership shall be referred by the High Priest to a committee of investigation, to consist of three members, who shall diligently investigate the character, standing and qualifications of the applicant and report to the Chapter in writing at the Stated Convocation succeeding their appointment, by at least a majority of its members, although all should report, if possible.

NEW COMMITTEE

SEC. 3. Should the committee of investigation fail, owing to absence or other cause, to report at the proper time, the High Priest may, in his discretion, appoint a new committee; but such new committee shall not be allowed to report forthwith, but must have the lawful time for investigation before reporting.

CANDIDATE TOTALLY DISQUALIFIED

SEC. 4. If a committee of investigation finds a candidate totally disqualified, owing to non-residence, physical disqualifications, or other sufficient cause, the fact shall be reported by the committee, entered of record and the fee returned, and no further action shall be taken in the case.

PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATIONS

SEC. 5. It is incompetent for any Chapter in this jurisdiction to confer either of the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry upon any person whose physical defects are such as to prevent him from receiving and imparting the ceremonies of the several degrees: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained

shall be so construed as to render any one ineligible to the privileges of Capitular Masonry, who can, by the aid of artificial appliances, conform to the necessary ceremonies.

FAILURE OF CANDIDATE TO PRESENT HIMSELF

SEC. 6. A petitioner for the degrees who fails to present himself for the degrees within six months after he shall have been duly notified of his election, shall forfeit the fee paid: *Provided*, He does not give good reasons for his failure to appear, and of the sufficiency of his reasons the majority of the members present must judge; and, *Provided further*, If the time exceed one year, the previous election shall be void; but if such candidate make satisfactory excuse to the Chapter he may regularly petition again without repayment of the fee.

PETITION FROM EXTINCT CHAPTER

SEC. 7. A Mark Master, Past Master or Most Excellent Master, whose Chapter is extinct, may present his petition, accompanied with proper documentary evidence of his good standing, to the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides, to affiliate as such, stating in his petition the name, number and location of his Chapter, when in existence; and, the status of such petitioner in the Chapter, if elected, shall be that of a Mason of like advancement who has been initiated therein: *Provided*, That no such petition shall be received until the Chapter is satisfied by examination or lawful information that said petitioner is a Mark Master, Past Master or Most Excellent Master, as the case may be.

AFTER REJECTION

SEC. 8. A petitioner for the degrees, who has been rejected, may, after the lapse of six months, again petition the Chapter which rejected him.

RESIDENCE

SEC. 9. No petition for the degrees shall be entertained in any Chapter in this jurisdiction unless the petitioner shall have

resided twelve months in the State, six of which shall have been within the jurisdiction of the Chapter; nor shall any degrees be conferred upon one who has no fixed residence; except in case of a member of the armies or navies or revenue service of the United States of America, whose petition may be received and the degrees conferred, provided he is, at the time of petitioning, stationed in this Grand Jurisdiction, and then only by the Chapter nearest the place at which he is stationed. By residence as here used is meant a permanent settled domicile or fixed abode.

DEGREES CONFERRED ON AFFILIATED MASTER MASONS ONLY—
FEES

SEC. 10. No Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter shall receive a petition from or confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason upon any one who is not at the time a Master Mason and a member of a Lodge in good and regular standing as such, for a less sum than twenty dollars, and the fees for all the degrees must accompany the petition.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY
DEMIT

SEC. 11. No Chapter in this jurisdiction shall entertain a petition for membership unless the same is accompanied by a demit or some other documentary evidence of the good standing of the applicant and his release from membership in his former Chapter: *Provided*, That no fee for affiliation shall be charged to any Chapter in this jurisdiction.

REQUISITES OF PETITION

SEC. 12. A petition for the degrees shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant; shall state the age, date and place of birth, residence and occupation of the petitioner, and that the petitioner has not been rejected by any Chapter. It shall also state the Lodge in which the petitioner received the degrees, and also the Lodge with which he is then affiliated.

RECOMMENDATION

SEC. 13. No petition for the degrees or for membership shall be received unless recommended by two members of the Chapter, in good standing, whose names shall appear on the record.

REJECTED CANDIDATE

SEC. 14. In case of the rejection of a candidate, it is the duty of the Secretary to return him his fee and to inform him of the rejection of his petition.

ARTICLE X

BALLOTING

SECTION 1. No ballots for the degrees or membership shall be taken, except at a stated meeting of a Chapter, and the ballot must be unanimous or the candidate shall be declared rejected. In balloting, all members of the Chapter present must vote.

BALLOTS FREE AND SECRET

SEC. 2. The ballot must be free and secret, and no member shall be required to give his reasons for the ballot which he has deposited; nor shall any Companion disclose the manner in which he voted, under any circumstances whatever.

MUST LIE OVER

SEC. 3. No petition for the degrees or membership shall be balloted on until the same shall have lain over until the next stated Convocation.

MARK MASTER, PAST MASTER, OR MOST EXCELLENT MASTER
FROM ANOTHER CHAPTER

SEC. 4. A Mark Master, Past Master or Most Excellent Master from another Chapter may petition for affiliation as such, upon a proper certificate of Dismission from his Chapter, and a clear ballot shall elect to membership, and entitle the petitioner to the remaining degree or degrees.

MUST BALLOT

SEC. 5. All petitions for the degrees or affiliation must be balloted upon, whether the committee report favorably or unfavorably, except as provided for in Art. IX, Sec. 4.

REPORT ON PETITIONS

SEC. 6. A ballot cannot be had on a petition for the degrees or membership until a majority of the committee shall have reported either favorably or unfavorably.

POSTPONE BALLOT

SEC. 7. After the report of the committee of investigation on an application for the degrees or membership, the High Priest may, on request in writing of a member who is unavoidably absent, or for other good cause, postpone the ballot thereon until the next stated meeting, but no longer. But the ballot when once commenced cannot be postponed, but must be completed, and the result thereof declared.

EXAMINATION OF BALLOT

SEC. 8. After the ballot has been taken and examined by the High Priest, King and Scribe, the result shall be declared by the High Priest, unless only one negative vote appears, in which case he shall order a second trial of the ballot, which shall, in all cases, be final.

DEBATE PENDING BALLOT NOT ALLOWED

SEC. 9. No debate shall be allowed after a ballot is ordered, and no inquiry permitted as to who may have cast a negative vote.

ARTICLE XI

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. A Royal Arch Mason exalted in this jurisdiction shall be *ipso facto* a member of the Chapter which exalted him, without further ballot; except where the work has

been done for another Chapter; then the Companion will be a member of the Chapter which made the request.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 2. A petition for membership shall state the age, date and place of birth, residence and occupation of the petitioner, and the name, number and location and jurisdiction of the Lodge with which he is affiliated, and the name, number and jurisdiction of the Chapter in which he was formerly, or is now a member.

PETITIONER VOUCHER FOR

SEC. 3. The committee of investigation on the character of any applicant for membership is charged with the duty, among other, of making such examination and inquiry as to be able to report whether or not they find the applicant to be a Royal Arch Mason. No ballot shall be spread for membership without satisfactory evidence of such fact.

CHARGES AGAINST PETITIONER

SEC. 4. Should charges be preferred against a Royal Arch Mason, in Lodge or Chapter, after the reception and reference of his petition for affiliation, no report from the committee of investigation upon such petition shall be received, nor a ballot taken thereon, until the charges have been finally disposed of by the Lodge or Chapter.

RENEWAL OF APPLICATION

SEC. 5. When a Royal Arch Mason is rejected for affiliation, he may apply at any subsequent stated meeting by a new petition, in regular form, and a committee of investigation must be appointed and the application in all respects treated as though he had not previously petitioned the Chapter.

DEMIT BELONGS TO CHAPTER

SEC. 6. The demit of a petitioner who is elected a member of a Chapter belongs to the Chapter and must remain in its custody, and the date of his affiliation must be endorsed thereon.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 7. No member of a Chapter in this jurisdiction shall hold membership in another Chapter at the same time.

STATUS OF A ROYAL ARCH MASON UNDER CHARGES

SEC. 8. The status of a Royal Arch Mason under charges is not affected by such charges, except that he cannot demit. He is presumed to be innocent until his guilt is proved.

ARTICLE XII

DUES

SECTION 1. The dues of any member of a Chapter may be remitted, in whole or in part, for good cause, upon proper application in person or writing; or upon a statement of facts made by a Companion justifying such action.

REMISSION OF DUES CANNOT BE CONSIDERED

SEC. 2. A Chapter, having upon proper motion remitted the dues of a member, no reconsideration at a subsequent meeting is admissible. If imposition has been practiced in obtaining the remission of dues, the Companion guilty of the imposition should be disciplined.

ASSESSMENT FORBIDDEN

SEC. 3. Chapters shall not assess members, except in the way of dues, the amount of which shall be fixed by the by-laws.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 4. A Chapter may, by its by-laws, provide for the election to life membership and exemption of Chapter dues of any of its members, conditioned upon length of membership, or other meritorious cause, but dues to the Grand Chapter must be paid upon them, the same as upon contributing members of the Chapter.

ANNUAL DUES

SEC. 5. Each Chapter under this jurisdiction has the right, and it is its duty, to assess and collect from its members, in the manner provided by its by-laws, such annual dues as may be deemed necessary to defray the proper expenses of the Chapter.

ARTICLE XIII

DEMIT

SECTION 1. No Chapter shall grant a demit to any of its members until all dues are paid or remitted; nor to one who is under charges, nor to one who has, in his official capacity, become indebted to the Chapter, so long as such indebtedness remains.

Whenever a member whose dues are fully paid, and who is under no charges, shall apply, in writing, at a stated meeting, for a demit, his application shall, unless objections are made, be immediately granted, and the fact entered of record. No objections shall be entertained, unless the objecting Companion shall prefer charges against the applicant for demit, or give notice that he will do so at the next stated meeting; at which time, if no charges are preferred by the objector, the demit shall be granted. If the charges are preferred, they shall take the course prescribed by law. If, on trial, the accused is acquitted, his demit shall be granted. Should the accused be suspended, and at the expiration of his suspension still desire a demit, a new application must be presented.

DATE OF

SEC. 2. A Royal Arch Mason ceases to be a member of the Chapter at the time the demit is granted, as shown by the Chapter record, notwithstanding he may fail to take or receive his certificate of dismissal.

DEMITs FOR CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 3. If a Companion wishes to change his membership and be continuously affiliated, he may file his petition with a

Chapter having jurisdiction, and with it a receipt under seal from the Secretary of the Chapter of which he is a member, showing that his dues have been paid for three months in advance, also a written application to his Chapter for a demit. If elected to membership in the Chapter petitioned, the Secretary thereof shall immediately forward said application for demit to the Companion's Chapter, and when the demit is received shall file with the petition and enter the Companion's name as a member of the Chapter petitioned as of even date with the certificate of demit. If the petitioner be rejected the aforesaid receipt for dues and the application for demit shall be returned to him and his standing in the mother Chapter shall not be affected.

CERTIFICATES

SEC. 4. When a Chapter ceases to exist by the arrest of its Charter, the Grand Secretary shall, on application of its members, and on receiving satisfactory proof that they were in good standing and have paid all dues to date of arrest, issue certificates to them: *Provided*, That such certificates shall not issue to members of a Chapter whose Charter has been arrested by the Grand High Priest until his action in arresting the same shall be approved by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV

JURISDICTION

REQUEST COMING FROM ANOTHER GRAND JURISDICTION TO CONFER DEGREES

SECTION 1. A Chapter within this jurisdiction may, at the request of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of another Grand Chapter, confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, or either of them, upon a candidate of said Chapter: *Provided*, The requesting Chapter furnish a certificate under its seal that the candidate has been duly elected to receive the degree or degrees. The Chapter, before conferring a degree upon one who has already

received one or more degrees, should be satisfied by proper examination or lawful information, that the candidate has regularly received the preceding degree or degrees.

CONFERRING DEGREES BY REQUEST

SEC. 2. When a Chapter shall have elected a candidate to take the degrees, and shall have conferred one or more degrees upon him, such Chapter may request any Chapter in whose jurisdiction such candidate may be residing or sojourning to confer the remaining degree or degrees. And when a Chapter does confer the degrees at the request of another Chapter, it does not thereby acquire jurisdiction, and the fee belongs to the requesting Chapter, unless it shall see fit to relinquish it.

REMOVAL OF CANDIDATE

SEC. 3. When a party residing within the jurisdiction of a Chapter petitions for the degrees, and his petition is received and referred to a committee of investigation, the Chapter has obtained lawful jurisdiction of the same, and the subsequent removal of the candidate into the territory of another Chapter does not deprive the first Chapter of its jurisdiction.

BALLOTING ON REQUEST NOT ALLOWED

SEC. 4. It is not competent for any Chapter to ballot upon a candidate upon a request from another Chapter. A Chapter may confer any degree for the Chapter making the request, but the requesting Chapter must have elected such candidate before making such request, and the candidate remains affiliated with and under control of the requesting Chapter.

WORK FOR ANOTHER CHAPTER

SEC. 5. No Chapter can confer any degree for another Chapter if any member of the requesting Chapter shall object. Such objection shall have the same effect as if the degrees were about to be conferred in his own Chapter.

INVASION OF TERRITORY

SEC. 6. If any Chapter in this jurisdiction shall invade the territory of a sister Chapter, and confer the degrees on a person residing in such jurisdiction without its consent, the invading Chapter shall pay the Chapter whose jurisdiction is invaded the fees received on account thereof, and, in addition, the excess, if any, charged by the Chapter whose jurisdiction has been invaded, and also be subject to such discipline as may be just and proper.

WAVER OF JURISDICTION

SEC. 7. A Chapter may, by unanimous consent, at any stated meeting, waive jurisdiction over and grant a certificate of admission to a Mark Master, Past Master or Most Excellent Master, and such certificate will authorize him to petition any Chapter in whose jurisdiction he may reside to be affiliated as such. But a Chapter cannot waive jurisdiction over one whose petition has been received and referred to a committee.

JURISDICTION

SEC. 8. No Chapter shall receive a petition from an applicant for the degrees who lives nearer another Chapter without the unanimous consent of the latter Chapter. The Grand High Priest, in his discretion, upon investigation of the facts as to the accessibility of location and facility of travel between points involved, may transfer jurisdiction of territory from one subordinate Chapter to another more accessible to the section affected by his order: *Provided*, This shall not apply to territory nearer to the Chapter location encroached upon, than one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) the distance between such two Chapters.

PETITIONER FROM ANOTHER CHAPTER

SEC. 9. Any Chapter in an adjoining State working under a Charter from a Grand Chapter in correspondence with the Grand Chapter of North Carolina may entertain the application of citizens of this State residing nearer by the usual mode

of traveling to such Chapter than to any Chapter in this State, and may confer the degrees upon such applicants and may admit them to membership, as if such was duly chartered by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. *Provided*, That its own Grand Chapter concedes the same privileges under like circumstances to Chapters in North Carolina.

ARTICLE XV

NON-AFFILIATES

SECTION 1. A Royal Arch Mason becomes a non-affiliate whenever he demits from his Chapter or ceases to be a member thereof by any means other than by suspension or expulsion.

No Royal Arch Mason who shall voluntarily remain non-affiliated for more than three months shall be permitted to visit any Chapter in this jurisdiction, nor shall he appear in any procession of Royal Arch Masons, nor shall he be entitled to receive Chapter relief or have Chapter burial.

MEMBERS OF EXTINCT CHAPTERS

SEC. 2. Members of extinct Chapters who fail to obtain Grand Chapter certificates of good standing within one year after the session of the Grand Chapter confirming the arrest of the Charter, occupy the same position as demitted Royal Arch Masons who have neglected to affiliate with some Chapter within one year after date of their demits.

VOLUNTARY NON-AFFILIATION

SEC. 3. A Royal Arch Mason, member of a Chapter, failing to procure a demit issued by authority of the Grand Chapter, for one year after such Chapter shall, from any cause, cease to exist, shall be deemed a voluntary non-affiliate, and to have forfeited his privileges as a Royal Arch Mason; nor can such forfeited rights be regained except by procuring such demit and affiliating with some regular Royal Arch Chapter.

ARTICLE XVI

EXCLUSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

SECTION 1. Dues are payable as provided in the by-laws of each Chapter.

Whenever a member shall fail to pay his dues at the time when the same become due and payable, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify him of such delinquency by delivering to him in person a bill for such indebtedness, or by mailing the same in a sealed envelope, addressed to him at his present or last know place of residence. Should the delinquent refuse or fail to pay his dues within twenty days after the issuance of such notice, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the High Priest of such failure, who shall at the next stated Convocation of the Chapter, order a notice to be given the delinquent by the Secretary, requiring him to appear at a subsequent stated Convocation to show cause why he should not be excluded for non-payment of dues, which notice shall be in the following form:

Hall of.....Chapter No....., R. A. M.,
....., 191...

COMPANION:

You are hereby notified to appear before the Chapter at its Convocation to be held on the.....day of....., 19...., and show cause why you should not be excluded for non-payment of dues.

By order of the High Priest.

(Seal.)

.....
Secretary.

Such notice shall be served by the Secretary by delivering or causing to be delivered by a Royal Arch Mason, or by mailing the same in a sealed envelope, addressed to him at his present or last know place of residence, to the delinquent, a copy of the same ten days before the Convocation at which he is to appear; but should his residence be more than five miles from the place of the Chapter meeting, or be unknown, then a notice forwarded by mail to his last known place of

residence twenty days before the date at which he is required to appear shall be sufficient.

Should the delinquent fail to appear, his dues still remain unpaid, or the same be not remitted for good cause, or the time of payment be not extended by a majority vote of the members present, the High Priest, upon proof of notice and the fact of arrearage, shall put the question: "Shall Companion -----be excluded for non-payment of his dues?" Which shall be determined by paper ballot; and if a majority of those present vote "yes," the High Priest shall declare the Companion excluded until his dues are paid.

Payment of dues before the ballot is taken shall stop proceedings.

ARTICLE XVII

OFFENCES

SECTION 1. Whatever is a breach of good morals, or a violation of the laws of the State, is an offence against the precepts of Masonry, and must be dealt with promptly and efficiently.

WHEN THE HIGH PRIEST MAY EXCLUDE A ROYAL ARCH MASON

SEC. 2. The High Priest has a right, and it is his duty, to exclude from the Chapter a Royal Arch Mason who, by his perverseness or contumacy, may interfere with the proper workings of the Chapter or disturb its harmony.

PENALTIES, ENUMERATION OF

SEC. 3. The only penalties for offences against Masonic law and propriety are three, viz.:

1. Reprimand.
2. Suspension for a definite period.
3. Expulsion.

Each of which must be inflicted according to the nature and degree of the offence committed.

SUSPENDED COMPANION—STATUS AT EXPIRATION
OF TIME OF

SEC. 4. The expiration of the time for which a Companion may have been suspended fully restores him without further action of the Chapter, except that the Secretary must note the fact upon the records and immediately announce the same to the Chapter.

SUSPENDED MEMBER—DUES NOT CHARGEABLE TO

SEC. 5. A member suspended for any cause is not chargeable with dues during such suspension.

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION BY CHAPTER

SEC. 6. A sentence of suspension or expulsion by a Chapter will be in force from and after the passage thereof, until removed by the Chapter pronouncing the same, or by the Grand Chapter.

SHALL NOT BE PUBLISHED BY CHAPTER

SEC. 7. In no case shall a Chapter publish the suspension or expulsion of any of its members.

BY LODGE, EFFECT OF

SEC. 8. A suspension or expulsion for any cause by a Lodge of Master Masons is effectually a suspension or expulsion from a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

ARTICLE XVIII

ALLOWANCES AND SALARY

SECTION 1. The expenses of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Lecturer, the Grand Tyler and the Chairman of the Finance Committee in attending the Convocations of this Grand Chapter shall be paid.

The expenses of the Grand High Priest or his proxy in attending the Convocations of the General Grand Chapter shall be paid.

SEC. 2. The Grand Secretary shall receive from the funds of this Grand Chapter, for his services as Grand Secretary, when faithfully performed, the annual salary of four hundred dollars, payable quarterly.

SEC. 3. The Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, Past Grand Scribes, Past Grand Chaplains, and one representative (ranking officer present) from each Chartered Chapter in this jurisdiction, shall receive at each Annual Convocation a sum equal to two and one-half cents per mile going to the Annual Convocation and returning therefrom by the most direct route of travel, but no representative of a Chapter will be entitled to receive any mileage until the dues of his Chapter are paid, nor shall he be entitled to receive more than one-fourth of the aggregate amount of Grand Chapter dues paid by his Chapter; *Provided*, However, the most direct route of travel (for computing mileage) is hereby defined to be the shortest traveled route between two points, whether it be by rail or other public conveyance, over which the representative may travel with reasonable dispatch to the place of holding the Annual Convocation.

The Grand Chapter may, in its discretion at any time, reduce the rate per mile payable to its members entitled to mileage, the same being done by a majority vote, and it may also be restored to the above at any time by a majority vote.

At each Annual Convocation the Committee on Mileage shall recommend to the Grand Chapter the mileage to be paid at the succeeding Annual Convocation, and the rate of mileage shall then be fixed for the ensuing Convocation.

SEC. 4. The Grand Treasurer shall receive an annual salary of fifty dollars.

SEC. 5. The Grand Librarian shall receive an annual salary of fifty dollars.

SEC. 6. The Chairman of the Committee on Finance is required to be at the place of meeting of the Annual Convocation at least one day, and longer if necessary, before the Annual Convocation for the purpose of auditing the books of the Grand Chapter. He shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five dollars.

SEC. 7. The Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence shall receive an annual salary of one hundred dollars.

ARTICLE XIX

TRIALS

OFFENCES

SECTION 1. A Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master or Royal Arch Mason may be proceeded against by trial, as hereinafter provided, for the violation of the moral and Masonic law.

PENAL JURISDICTION

SEC. 2. A Chapter has penal jurisdiction over all its members, and over all its Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters, wheresoever residing, and over all Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters, and over all Royal Arch Masons, affiliated or unaffiliated, residing or sojourning within its territorial jurisdiction.

A Chapter has jurisdiction to try any Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master or Royal Arch Mason, affiliated or unaffiliated, for offences committed within its territorial jurisdiction, but such Chapter shall notify the Chapter, if known, of which the accused is a member, of the pendency of the charge, and, if requested to do so, within thirty days after such notice, may, and by direction of the Grand High Priest, shall transfer the case to such Chapter for trial, and the case shall there proceed as though begun in that Chapter. If no such request be made, then the Chapter first receiving the charge shall proceed with the trial.

No Chapter can entertain charges against the High Priest of any Chapter during his term of office, as exclusive jurisdiction to arraign and try him, while he is High Priest, belongs to the Grand Chapter, but, after the expiration of the term of office of the High Priest, he may be presented for any offence committed by him while High Priest, except for official misconduct.

WHO MAY PREFER CHARGES

SEC. 3. Any Royal Arch Mason in good standing may prefer charges in any Chapter having jurisdiction, as above stated. When the High Priest or the Chapter directs a charge to be preferred, it must be done by the Scribe.

CHARGE

SEC. 4. A charge must be in writing, and contain an orderly statement of the facts constituting the offence. It should be brief, should avoid repetition, clearly define the offence, and contain an accurate statement of the time, place and circumstances of its commission. For convenience, such writing (including the specifications) is designated in these laws as a charge.

FORM

SEC. 5. A charge may be substantially in the following form; more than one specification may be embraced in one charge:

*To the High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of.....
Chapter No....., R. A. Masons:*

I hereby charge Companion....., member ofChapter No....., R. A. M. (or Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, or non-affiliate, or a Companion whose Chapter membership is unknown to me), with unmasonic conduct, as follows:

SPECIFICATION—That Companion....., on or about theday of....., 19...., at the town (or city) of..... in.....county, did (set forth the facts constituting the offence, as, without just cause, wrongfully strike Companion....., etc.) in violation of his duty as a Royal Arch Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Masonic fraternity.

If either of the offences be a continuous one, as habitual drunkenness, say: Specification—That the said Companion,, on or about the.....day of....., 19...., at the town (or city) of....., in.....County, and on other days and times, did become and was intoxicated, in violation of his duty as a Royal Arch Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Masonic fraternity.

And I declare upon my honor as a Royal Arch Mason, that I make this charge for the general good of Masonry and in defense of the interests of the fraternity.

Fraternally submitted,

A..... B.....
....., 19.... *Scribe.*

The following are witnesses in the case:

.....
.....

BY WHOM PROSECUTED

SEC. 6. The Scribe. shall conduct the prosecution, unless some other Royal Arch Mason in good standing is appointed by the High Priest to prosecute the case.

WHEN PRESENTED

SEC. 7. The charge must be presented in open Chapter, at a stated Convocation, and entered in full upon the records which must show the disposition made of it.

WHAT CHARGES NOT ENTERTAINED

SEC. 8. No Chapter shall entertain a charge against a member for the purpose of adjusting mere legal rights, pecuniary or otherwise, unless such charge specifies fraud on the part of the alleged offender, or involves *moral* turpitude.

TIME AND NOTICE OF TRIAL

SEC. 9. When a charge is thus preferred, the High Priest shall appoint the time of trial, and shall cause the accused to be notified, as hereinafter provided; and he shall cause all members residing in the territorial jurisdiction of the Chapter to be notified of the time of the trial. Such notice shall be

either printed or written, and signed by the Secretary, and shall be substantially as follows:

To Companion..... You are hereby notified that at a stated Convocation of.....Chapter No....., R. A. M., of North Carolina, held....., 19...., a charge of unmasonic conduct was preferred against you, a true copy of which is hereto annexed; and you are requested to answer the same, within ten days from the date of service of this notice, by placing on file with the Secretary of said Chapter any objections you may have to the sufficiency of such charge, or if you have no objections thereto, then you will plead to the allegations thereof with one of the following pleas:

- (1) That you are guilty of the offence charged.
- (2) That you are not guilty of the offence charged.

And you are further notified that at a meeting of said Chapter, to be held on.....evening,, 19...., commencing at..... o'clock, a trial of said charge will be had. You are further notified to appear in person, or by any Royal Arch Mason, in good standing, as counsel for you, or by your written communication, and defend such charge, if you so desire.

.....
Secretary.

SERVICE

SEC. 10. The Secretary shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the accused, by a Royal Arch Mason, or mail to him, in a sealed envelope, addressed to him at his present or last known residence, a copy of such charge at least fifteen days before the time appointed for the trial.

If the residence of the accused be not within the territorial jurisdiction of said Chapter, then the said Secretary shall cause a copy of said notice and charge to be deposited in the mail at least twenty days before the time appointed for the trial, addressed to the accused at his present or last known place of residence, which shall be good service of such notice.

PROOF OF SERVICE

SEC. 11. The proof of service of such notice shall be as follows: By endorsing on the back of said notice one of the following certificates, as may state the facts:

I hereby certify that I did, on....., 19..., deliver to Companion.....a true copy of the within notice, together with a copy of the charge therein referred to.

(Signed) A..... B.....

Secretary, or a Royal Arch Mason.

Or:

I hereby certify that on....., 19..., I deposited in the post-office at.....a true copy of the within notice, together with a copy of the charge therein referred to, addressed to Companionat....., his present or last known place of residence.

(Signed) A..... B.....

Secretary.

TRIAL WITHOUT SERVICE

SEC. 12. If the residence of the accused be unknown, the trial may be had without service of notice.

APPEARANCE

SEC. 13. The accused may answer such charge within the time specified in the notice, by his written communication, or that of his counsel, who shall be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, in which he may present his plea to the charge, which shall be either objection to the sufficiency of the charge, plea of guilty or not guilty, and any matter in explanation or extenuation of the offence charged.

SEC. 14. A plea to the charge is a statement in writing, signed by the accused, or by his counsel, in one of the following forms:

“Now comes the accused and says that, admitting the statements of the charge and specifications be true, they do not constitute a Masonic offence”; or “Now comes the accused and says that he is guilty as charged”; or “Now comes the accused and says he is not guilty, as stated in the charge and specification.”

PLEA OF GUILTY

SEC. 15. If a plea of guilty be entered, no trial shall be necessary, but the Chapter at the time appointed for the trial

shall inflict punishment, and may hear evidence to determine the nature thereof.

SUFFICIENCY OF CHARGE

SEC. 16. If the plea be that the facts in the charge and specifications, if true, do not constitute a Masonic offence, the question shall be determined by the High Priest.

TRIAL

SEC. 17. If a plea of not guilty be entered, the trial shall proceed at the time fixed in the notice, unless continued to a later date for cause.

SEC. 18. The testimony of all resident Masons who can attend the Chapter shall be given orally in open Chapter at the trial.

The High Priest shall, upon the request of the accuser or of the accused, appoint a committee of three Royal Arch Masons, who are impartial and not interested in the result of said trial, whose duty it shall be to take the testimony of Master Masons or profanes, and also of all Royal Arch Masons residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the Chapter, who are unable, by reason of physical disability or otherwise, to attend the Chapter.

The High Priest may appoint the same or another committee to take the testimony of Master Masons or profanes or of Royal Arch Masons residing without the jurisdiction of the Chapter.

NOTICE OF TAKING SAME

SEC. 19. The persons so appointed to take evidence shall give reasonable notice to the accused and the accuser, or their counsel, respectively, if known, when and where such testimony will be taken by them.

HOW TAKEN

SEC. 20. The testimony of Masons shall be upon their Masonic honor, written down and subscribed by them. The tes-

timony of profanes shall be written, subscribed and sworn to before any civil officer authorized to administer oaths.

WITNESSES

SEC. 21. The witnesses in all trials, whether Masons or not, shall be persons who have the use of their reason, and such religious belief as to feel the obligation of an oath. In the trial of any Royal Arch Mason the accused may testify in his own behalf, and shall be subject to cross-examination the same as other witnesses.

WIFE AS A WITNESS

SEC. 22. The wife of the accused shall be a competent witness either for or against him.

RECORD EVIDENCE

SEC. 23. The record of a court of competent jurisdiction, duly certified, showing indictment, arraignment, conviction and sentence of the accused, according to forms of law, for the same offence for which he is being tried by the Chapter, is legal and competent evidence against the accused, and shall be admitted at the trial.

Where the pleadings in a civil suit, to which a Royal Arch Mason is a party, and in which he has the right as well as the opportunity to appear, present the sole issue as to his guilt or innocence of a crime, the judgment or decree therein is competent evidence in a Masonic trial for the same offence.

SUMMONS

SEC. 24. The High Priest may, at the request of either the accused or the accuser, order a summons to issue to any Royal Arch Mason residing within the jurisdiction of the Chapter, to attend at the time set for the trial, for the purpose of giving evidence in the case.

TRIALS

SEC. 25. All trials shall be in the highest degree to which the accused has attained, and both the accused and the accuser

shall have the right to be present in person, or by counsel, during the trial.

ARGUMENT

SEC. 26. After the hearing of the testimony, the accuser and the accused, or their respective counsel, shall be heard in argument, if they so desire: *Provided*, That the Chapter may limit the time of such argument.

ACCUSED AND ACCUSER MUST RETIRE

SEC. 27. After the testimony and argument are concluded, the accused and the accuser shall retire, and the Chapter, if not already so, must be opened in the Royal Arch Degree, in case the trial has been in a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters or Most Excellent Masters: *Provided*, That if the charge has been preferred by the Scribe he shall not be required to retire.

VOTING

SEC. 28. The High Priest shall submit to the Chapter the question on each specification consecutively: "Is the accused guilty or not guilty of the offence in specification No.?" Each member shall deposit his ballot with the words written thereon, "guilty," or "not guilty," as he may decide, and unless two-thirds of the ballots so cast shall be "guilty," the accused shall be declared not guilty of the offence in such specification. No vote shall be taken on the charge.

PUNISHMENT

SEC. 29. If the verdict be "guilty," on either or all of the specifications, the Chapter must impose the punishment either by expulsion, or by suspension for a stated time, to be determined by a majority vote, by ballot, or by reprimand as hereinafter stated. The High Priest or presiding officer shall put the question first on expulsion. If a majority present vote for expulsion, then the accused shall stand expelled; but if less than a majority present vote for expulsion, then the question

shall be on suspension, then the time shall be determined by beginning with the longest time proposed, and so on down until some time shall be adopted; if less than a majority of those present vote for suspension, then a reprimand shall be administered in open Chapter by the High Priest, or by some Companion designated by him.

VISITORS

SEC. 30. No Royal Arch Masons, other than counsel and witnesses, shall be admitted as visitors to a Chapter during a trial except by consent of the Chapter.

CHANGE OF VENUE

SEC. 31. No change of venue shall be granted to any other Chapter.

WHO MAY TAKE APPEALS

SEC. 32. The accused, or any member of the Chapter feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Chapter upon the trial of any Companion, may take an appeal from the judgment and decision of the Chapter to the Grand Chapter.

APPEALS, HOW TAKEN

SEC. 33. Appeals must be in writing, and may be in the following form:

FORM OF APPEAL

....., N. C.,, 19....
To the High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of.....Chapter
No....., R. A. M.:

COMPANIONS—I,, a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of.....Chapter No....., do declare upon my honor as a Royal Arch Mason that I feel materially aggrieved by your decision in the case of.....; and for a rehearing of the case, and to the end that justice may be done in the matter, do take an appeal to the M. E. Grand Chapter for the following reasons:

First.....
Second.....
*Appellant.*

TIME FOR APPEAL

SEC. 34. Such appeal shall be filed with the Secretary of the Chapter within sixty days after the trial and judgment, and not afterwards.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

SEC. 35. The appellant shall, at the time he files said appeal with the Secretary, give notice in writing to the opposite party that he has appealed to the Grand Chapter, which notice shall be served as other notices, and the notice, with the return of service endorsed thereon, shall be filed with the Secretary. The said notice shall be substantially in the following form:

To.....:

You are hereby notified that I have taken an appeal to the Grand Chapter of North Carolina from the decision and judgment of..... Chapter No....., R. A. M., rendered on....., 19....., in the matter of the charge against me (or against Comp.....), by Comp....., and which was heard and tried at that date.

.....Appellant.

PERFECTING AND TRANSMITTING RECORD

SEC. 36. The Secretary shall endorse on such appeal and notice the day of their filing in his office, and if the appeal was filed with him within sixty days after the judgment was rendered, and notice thereof was served, as provided in the last section, then the Secretary shall immediately make out and send to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter a true copy of all record entries in said cause, and of the charge and specifications, together with all the evidence in the case and the appeal and notice thereof served on the opposite party: *Provided*, That both parties to said cause shall have the privilege of examining and noting objections to said transcript before the same is sent up.

OBJECTIONS TO TRANSCRIPT

SEC. 37. If the parties fail or refuse to examine said transcript and note the errors in it before it is sent up, they shall

not be allowed to object to its correctness after it reaches the Grand Chapter.

APPEAL IN GRAND CHAPTER

SEC. 38. On receipt of the transcript, evidence, appeal and notice by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chapter shall be possessed of the case and shall determine the same on the record and evidence so transmitted.

JUDGMENT OF GRAND CHAPTER

SEC. 39. The judgment of the Grand Chapter shall be either that the judgment below be affirmed, or that it be reversed and the cause be dismissed, or the Grand Chapter may disregard the proceedings of the Chapter and pronounce judgment upon the record and evidence sent up.

EFFECT OF GRAND CHAPTER JUDGMENT

SEC. 40. If the accused has been expelled or suspended by the Chapter, and its judgment is reversed and the cause dismissed by the Grand Chapter, he will thereby be restored to whatever Chapter standing and membership he held when the charge was preferred against him; if the judgment be reversed and the cause be remanded for a new trial, and such new trial result in his acquittal, he is thereby restored to his former Chapter membership and standing.

STATUS OF THE ACCUSED PENDING APPEAL

SEC. 41. If the accused was acquitted by the Chapter, his *status*, pending the appeal in the Grand Chapter, is that of a member with charges pending against him; if he was suspended or expelled by the Chapter, he shall so remain until the suspension or expulsion shall be removed by the Grand Chapter, when he shall be restored to his former Chapter membership.

PROMULGATION OF JUDGMENTS

SEC. 42. The printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter are the official announcements of its judgments, and when

they show a new trial has been ordered, or other proceedings had in any case, it is the duty of the Chapter to act accordingly.

RESTORATION

SEC. 43. A suspended or expelled Royal Arch Mason, wishing to be restored, must petition the Chapter which suspended or expelled him. His petition shall be presented at a stated Convocation of such Chapter, and lie over to the next stated meeting thereof, but need not be referred to a committee, and the members of such Chapter shall be notified that said petition had been presented and would be acted on at the next stated Convocation of the Chapter; at such meeting, the vote shall be taken by paper ballot, and if it be unanimous for restoration, he shall be restored to his original Chapter membership and standing. If he receives less than an unanimous vote for restoration, he may then petition the Grand Chapter to be restored, setting out in his petition the fact that he had applied to, and been rejected by, the Chapter.

The Grand Chapter has the right to restore an expelled Royal Arch Mason to good Masonic standing, but not to membership.

If the Chapter in which the original proceedings were had be not in existence, then he may petition the Grand Chapter, originally, but should accompany his petition with a recommendation from the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides.

Petition for restoration to the Grand Chapter, originally, can only be made when the judgment was inflicted by the Grand Chapter, except when the Chapter is not in existence, as provided in the preceding section.

CHARGES AGAINST THE HIGH PRIEST OF A CHAPTER

SEC. 44. Whenever a charge shall be presented to the Grand High Priest in vacation, against the High Priest of a Chapter, charging him with official misconduct, or with unmasonic or immoral conduct, the Grand High Priest, on receipt of the same, shall cause a true copy to be served on the accused; and if, after investigation, he believe the charge to

be without sufficient foundation, he shall report accordingly to the next Grand Chapter; but if the Grand High Priest believes the charge to be well founded, he shall forthwith suspend the accused from office, and notify him to appear before the Grand Chapter at its next Annual Convocation, to answer the charge presented against him.

ARTICLE XX

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1. No Chapter in this jurisdiction shall issue or furnish letters or documents to any person whatever, to be used for begging purposes.

CIRCULAR LETTERS

SEC. 2. The issuance and sending of circular applications for charity, or for donations of money for any purpose whatever, by Chapters in this jurisdiction, is prohibited, unless authorized by the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest; nor shall any Chapter in this jurisdiction entertain begging circulars from foreign Chapters, which have not the approval of the Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction.

OFFENCES COMMITTED BEFORE APPLICATION

SEC. 3. A Royal Arch Mason cannot be tried for offences committed before he applied for the degrees. If, however, he purposely withheld from the Chapter or the committee of investigation matters that would have resulted in his rejection if known at the time of his election, then he has received the degrees through fraudulent imposition, for *which offence* he may be subjected to Masonic discipline.

CLOTHING OF OFFICERS WHEN CONFERRING THE R. A. DEGREE

SEC. 4. The High Priest is clothed in a robe of blue, purple, scarlet and white, and is decorated with a breastplate and mitre.

The King is clothed in a scarlet robe, with a crown on his head and a sceptre in his hand.

The Scribe is clothed in a purple robe, and wears a turban of the same color.

The Captain of the Host wears a coat of mail and helmet, and is armed with a sword.

The Principal Sojourner wears a dark or drab-colored robe with a rose-colored border, and a slouched hat and carries a pilgrim's staff.

The Royal Arch Captain wears a white robe and cap or helmet, and is armed with a sword, and bears a white banner.

The Master of the Third Veil wears a scarlet robe and turban, the Master of the Second Veil a purple robe and turban, and the Master of the First Veil a blue robe and turban. Each is armed with a sword, and bears a banner of the same color as his robe.

JEWELS OF OFFICERS

SEC. 5. The jewels of the officers of Chapters shall be of gold or yellow metal, suspended within a triangle of the same metal, and as follows:

High Priest—Miter.

King—A level surmounted by a crown.

Scribe—A plumb surmounted by a turban.

Captain of the Host—A triangular plate on which an armed soldier is engraved.

Principal Sojourner—A triangular plate on which a pilgrim is engraved.

Royal Arch Captain and the three Masters of Veils—A sword.

Treasurer—Crossed keys.

Secretary—Crossed pens.

Sentinel—Crossed swords.

APRONS

SEC. 6. The apron of a Royal Arch Mason is white lamb-skin or muslin bound with scarlet. It should be fourteen inches wide and thirteen inches deep, square at the corners

with a triangular flap, on which should be placed a triple tau, within a triangle, and all within a circle.

ELECTIONEERING FOR OFFICE

SEC. 7. Electioneering for office in the Grand Chapter, or in any Chapter, is hereby declared to be contrary to Masonic usage, and is prohibited.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

SEC. 8.

FIRST SESSION

1. Opening in ample form.
2. Appointment and Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Grand High Priest's Address, which shall be referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

(If the Grand Chapter thinks it advisable, the Grand High Priest's Address may be delivered while the Committee on Credentials is formulating its report.)

4. Appointment of Standing Committees.
5. Report of Grand Treasurer.
6. Report of Grand Secretary.
7. Unfinished business from last meeting of Grand Chapter.

SECOND SESSION

1. Election of Grand Officers.
2. Reports of Special Committees.
3. Reports of Standing Committees.
4. Orphan Asylum.
5. Miscellaneous Business.

THIRD SESSION

1. Installation of Grand Officers.
2. Reception of Representatives from other Grand Chapters.
3. Reports of Special Committees.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Miscellaneous Business.

AT ALL SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS

1. Reports of Special Committees.
2. Reports of Standing Committees.
3. Miscellaneous Business.

ARTICLE XXI

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These by-laws may be amended at any Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present: *Provided*, That if they shall have been revised by the order of the Grand Chapter, the revision may be adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, *seriatim*, then the whole by a two-thirds vote.

FORMS

PETITION FOR THE DEGREES

To the High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of.....Chapter No....., R. A. M.:

The undersigned represents that he was regularly initiated an Entered Apprentice, passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, in.....Lodge No....., located at....., working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of.....; that having the good of the Craft at heart, and being desirous of obtaining more light in Masonry, he fraternally offers himself as a candidate for the degrees conferred in your Chapter. Should his petition be granted, he promises a faithful compliance with all the rules, regulations and usages of Royal Arch Masonry.

The petitioner further represents that he has not been rejected by any Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He was born on the.....day of....., 18...., at.....; his occupation is.....; his residence is.....; his place of business is....., 19....

(Sign name in full.)

Recommended by

.....

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION

To the High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of.....Chapter No....., R. A. M.:

The undersigned fraternally represents that he is a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, and late a member of.....Chapter No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of..... and having been regularly discharged from membership in said Chapter, presents his demit herewith, and is desirous of affiliating with your Chapter, if found worthy, promising a cheerful compliance with the by-laws of the Chapter and the usages of the Fraternity.

He is a member of.....Lodge No....., located at....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of.....

He was born on the.....day of....., 19...., at; his occupation is.....; and his residence is

....., 19.:.

Recommended by

(Sign name in full.)

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CERTIFICATE OF PROXY

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina:

BE IT KNOWN: That pursuant to the authority given me by the Grand Chapter, I do hereby appoint Companion....., a member of this Chapter, my proxy, to represent me at the Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to be holden in the City of....., on the..... day of....., 19....

.....
.....of.....Chapter No.....
....., 19....

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION IN FAVOR OF ANOTHER CHAPTER

Hall of.....Chapter No....., R. A. M.,
....., 19....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the request of.....Chapter No....., at....., asking this Chapter to waive jurisdiction over Brother....., a resident in our jurisdiction, so that said Chapter may receive and act on his petition, was presented to this Chapter at a stated Convocation held on the.....day of....., 19...., and said request was.....

By order of the Chapter.

(Seal.)

Secretary.

REQUEST TO ANOTHER CHAPTER TO CONFER DEGREES

Hall of.....Chapter No....., R. A. M.,
....., 19....

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at a stated Convocation of this Chapter, held....., 19..., upon application of Bro....., aof this Chapter, it was ordered that..... Chapter No....., at....., jurisdiction of....., be requested to confer the degrees of.....upon the said Bro., he being now within the jurisdiction of said Chapter, and I further certify that Bro.....was duly elected by this Chapter to receive said degrees at a stated Convocation held on , 19....

And it was further ordered that said Chapter be requested to certify its action had in the premises to this Chapter.

By order of the Chapter.

(Seal.)

.....
Secretary.

PETITION TO CHAPTER FOR RESTORATION

To the High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of.....Chapter No....., R. A. Masons:

The undersigned respectfully represents that he was (*suspended foryears, or expelled, as the case may be*) by your Chapter, at a Convocation held on the.....day of....., 19.... He now petitions your Chapter to restore him to all the rights and privileges of which he was deprived by the said trial and sentence, for the following reasons:

(Here insert reasons.)

PETITION TO GRAND CHAPTER FOR RESTORATION

....., N. C., , 19....
To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina:

The undersigned most respectfully represents that at a Convocation of..... Chapter No...., Royal Arch Masons, held on theday of....., 19...., he was (*suspended for.....years, or expelled, as the case may be*) on a charge of.....and said Chapter is not now in existence. He therefore petitions the Grand Chapter to restore him to his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason for the following reasons:

(Here insert reasons.)

DECISIONS OF GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

A brother was elected to the degrees in a chapter which became dormant after he had received only the Mark Master's degree.

Held—That the unfinished material of a dormant Chapter became the property of the nearest Chapter.

ANDREWS, 1908.

A brother was elected to the degrees but before any were conferred objection was made.

Held—Such objection holds up advancement until it is withdrawn, it having the same effect as a rejection.

ANDREWS, 1908.

NORFLEET, 1916.

After the Mark Master degree had been conferred a companion demands a ballot upon advancement.

Held—That while petitioner was elected to the degrees, that a ballot could be demanded on passing from one Chapter degree to another and that the objecting Companion need not file specific charges.

ANDREWS, 1908.

CAMERON, 1913.

A Master Mason, formerly a resident of North Carolina, after a year's residence in the jurisdiction of a Tennessee chapter was elected to the degrees in the Tennessee chapter. He was transferred to North Carolina before any degrees were conferred and after a residence of three months applied to the North Carolina chapter.

Held—The petitioner was under the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Chapter.

BRASSWELL, 1909.

A North Carolinian residing in Panama (United States territory) was made a Mason by a lodge in Panama acting under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Later, being at home, he applied for the Capitular degrees in a North Carolina chapter.

Held—There being no Grand Lodge of Panama, the Grand Lodge of Scotland had the right to issue a dispensation to the lodge in Pan-

ama and therefore the petitioner was a regularly made Mason and entitled to recognition as such and having complied with the requirements of the by-laws of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, the Chapter had the right to receive and act upon the petition.

BRASSWELL, 1909.

Can more than one team of three be taken through in the R. A. degree at the same convocation?

Held—Receive the candidates under the L. A. and obligate them in sets of three. Then take them as a class through the rest of the work.

MURRILL, 1912.

Can a Master Mason who has lost a foot since becoming a Mason be exalted?

Held—He could.

MURRILL, 1912.

Later he changed his mind, but the decision was upheld by the jurisprudence committee.

Can the Chapter degrees be conferred upon a brother Master Mason who has been elected but became non-affiliated before receiving the degrees?

Held—Membership in Chapter is dependent on and co-existent with membership in the Lodge, therefore the Chapter has no right to confer the degrees while he remains non-affiliated.

CAMERON, 1913.

A brother received three degrees in a Chapter. Objection to his advancement is made to the High Priest. The candidate moves to another State and wants the North Carolina Chapter to request a Chapter in the other State to confer the remaining degree.

Held—The request could not be granted until the objection was withdrawn.

CAMERON, 1913.

Life membership is permissible if provided for by the proper by-laws, but dues must be paid to the Grand Chapter the same as upon other members.

GUERARD, 1915.

Brethren in Kings Mountain are under the joint jurisdiction of the Chapters at Shelby and Gastonia.

GUERARD, 1915.

A brother temporarily living in one town while his family lived in another petitioned for the Capitular degrees in the town where he was temporarily residing.

Held—The brother's legal residence was where his family was and he was under the jurisdiction of the nearest Chapter to the town where his family resided.

NORFLEET, 1916.

A brother demitting from his Lodge is automatically dropped from his Chapter and upon being elected in another Lodge is automatically restored to membership in his Chapter.

NORFLEET, 1916.

CEREMONIES

FOR THE

ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

It is the province of the High Priest to install the Companion lawfully elected to succeed him in office, or he may invite a duly qualified Companion to perform the service. The Installing Officer (who must be a High Priest or Past High Priest) representing the Grand High Priest of the jurisdiction during the ceremony of installation, is entitled by courtesy to recognition as such for the time being.

The interest of the ceremonial of installation may be enhanced (should circumstances permit) by the employment of the forms laid down in the ceremonial for the Constituting of Chapters, relating to the procession of Grand Officers, and their movement about the chapter room.

At the time appointed for the installation of the officers of a Chapter a Past High Priest, if one be present, and if not, some other officer who will act as Grand Captain of the Host for the occasion, will present the High Priest elect to the Installing Officer and say :

Most Excellent: I present Companion ——, who has been duly elected to serve this Chapter as High Priest for the ensuing Masonic year, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

The High Priest elect then turning and facing the Companions, the Installing Officer will say :

Companions: You behold before you Companion ——, who has been duly elected to serve this Chapter as Excellent High Priest, and who now declares himself ready for installation. If any of you have any reasons to urge why he should not be installed, you will make them known now or forever hereafter hold your peace. Hearing no objections, I shall proceed to install him.

The High Priest elect again facing the E., the Installing Officer will address him as follows :

Companion: I feel much satisfaction in performing my duty on the present occasion by installing you into the office of High Priest of this Chapter. It is an office highly honorable to those who diligently perform the important duties which belong to it. Your reputed Masonic knowledge, however, precludes the necessity of a particular enumeration of those duties. I shall, therefore, only observe that by a frequent recurrence to the Constitution and the General Regulations, and the constant practice of the several sublime lectures and charges, you will best be able to fulfill them; and I am confident that the Companions who are chosen to assist you in Council will give strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions. I shall now propose certain questions to you, relative to the duties of your office, to which I must request your unequivocal answer.

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of those of your Companions who have attained the sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons?

2. That you will never suffer your Chapter to be opened unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons?

3. That you will never suffer either more or less than three brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time?

4. That you will not exalt anyone to this degree who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, and made a considerable proficiency in the preparatory degrees?

5. That you will promote the general good of the Order, and, on all proper occasions, be ready to give and receive instructions, particularly from the General and State Grand Officers?

6. That to the utmost of your power you will preserve the solemnity of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Chapter, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your Companions?

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation?

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter who has not been exalted in a Chapter legally constituted without his having been formally healed?

9. That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter in conformity to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America and the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of this State?

10. That you will pay respect and due obedience to the instructions of the General and State Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several Lectures and Charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter?

11. That you will support and observe the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America and the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter under whose authority you act?

12. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of these rules to which you now assent?

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

Answer: I do.

All standing, the High Priest elect kneeling at the Altar, the Grand Chaplain will offer the following

PRAYER

Most holy and glorious Lord God! Hight Priest of Heaven and Earth! We approach thee with reverence, and implore thy blessing upon the Companion selected to preside over this Chapter, and now prostrate before thee; fill his heart with thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce thy glory. Make him steadfast in thy service; grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart and strengthen his endeavors. May he teach thy judgments and thy laws; and may the incense he shall put before thee, upon thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of

his hands. Accept us in mercy; hear thou from heaven, thy dwelling-place, and forgive our transgressions.

Glory be to God on high.

Response: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be.

The Installing Officer will then administer the following obligation to the High Priest elect.

I, —, do promise and swear that I will serve this Chapter as High Priest for the term for which I have been elected; that I will perform all the duties appertaining to that office to the best of my abilities, and will support and maintain the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of the State of North Carolina, and of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

The Installing Officer will then cause the High Priest to be invested with the clothing and badge of his office, and address him as follows:

Excellent Companion: In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence in the charges which you have heard recited you are qualified for installation as the High Priest of this Royal Arch Chapter; and it is incumbent upon me, on this occasion, to point out some of the particulars appertaining to your office, its duties and dignity.

The High Priest of every Chapter has it in special charge to see that the by-laws of his Chapter and the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of the State, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, are duly observed; that all the officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective offices faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their Companions: that true and accurate records of all the proceedings of the Chapter are kept by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and renders exact and just accounts of all the moneys and other property belonging to the Chapter: that correct returns be made annually to the Grand

Chapter; and that the annual dues to the Grand Chapter be regularly and punctually paid. He has the right and authority of calling the members of his Chapter together at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which in his judgment may require their meeting. It is his privilege and duty, with the King and Scribe, to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy; and the well-being of the institution requires that *this* duty should on no occasion be omitted.

Let the *Mitre* with which you are crowned remind you of the dignity of the office you sustain, and its inscription impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God; that perfection is not given unto man upon earth, and that holiness belongeth to the Lord alone.

The *Breast-Plate* with which you are decorated, an imitation of that upon which were engraven the names of the twelve tribes, and worn by the High Priest of Israel, is to teach you that you are always to bear in mind your responsibility to the laws and ordinances of the institution, and that the honor and interests of your Chapter and its members should always be near your heart.

The various colors of the robes you wear are emblematical of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human mind; each of which will be briefly illustrated in the course of the charges to be delivered to your subordinate officers.

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The High Priest is then inducted into the Oriental Chair. The subordinate officers are severally presented to the Installing Officer by the acting Grand Captain of the Host, with the same address as is recited above, and the same call is made in each case of objections. They are then obligated either severally or together, as may be preferred, and, the appropriate charge being read by the Installing Officer, the newly installed officer assumes his appropriate station in the Chapter.

CHARGE TO THE KING

Companion: The important station in this Chapter to which you have been elected requires from you exemplary conduct,

while its duties demand your most assiduous attention. You are to second and support your chief in all the requirements of his office, and should casualties at any time prevent his attendance you are to succeed him in the performance of his duties.

Your badge, *the Level surmounted by a Crown*, should remind you that although you are the representative of a King, and exalted by office above your Companions, yet that you remain upon a level with them as respects your duty to God, to your neighbor, and to yourself; that you are equally bound with them to be obedient to the laws and ordinances of the institution; to be charitable, humane, and just, and to seek every occasion of doing good.

Your office teaches a striking lesson of humility. The human mind; each of which will be briefly illustrated in the institutions of political society teach us to consider the King as the chief of created beings, and that the first duty of his subjects is to obey his mandates; but the Royal Arch Degree, by placing the King in a situation subordinate to that of the High Priest, teaches us that our duty to God is paramount to all other duties, and should ever claim the priority of our obedience; and that however strongly we may be bound to obey the laws of civil society, yet that those laws, to be just, should never inter-meddle with matters of conscience, nor dictate articles of faith.

The *Scarlet Robe*, an emblem of imperial dignity, should remind you of the paternal concern you should ever feel for the welfare of your Chapter, and the *Fervency* and the *Zcal* with which you should endeavor to promote its prosperity.

In presenting to you the *Crown*, which is an emblem of royalty, I would remind you that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind than to rule over their lives and fortunes; and that to enable you to enjoy this pre-eminence with honor and satisfaction you must subject your own passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity.

You are entitled to the second seat in the council of your Companions. Let the bright example of your illustrious prede-

cessor in the Grand Council at Jerusalem stimulate you to the faithful discharge of your duties; and when the King of kings shall summon you into His immediate presence, from His hands may you receive a *Crown of glory* which shall never fade away.

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CHARGE TO THE SCRIBE

Companion: The office of Scribe, to which you have been elected, is a very important and responsible one. In the absence of your superior officers you are bound to succeed them and to perform their duties. The purposes of this institution ought never to suffer for want of intelligence in its proper officers; you will, therefore, perceive the necessity there is of possessing such qualifications as will enable you to accomplish those duties which are incumbent upon you, in your appropriate station, as well as those which may occasionally devolve upon you by the absence of your superiors.

The *Purple Robe* with which you are invested is an emblem of *Union*, and will remind you that harmony and unanimity of the Chapter should be your constant aim; and to this end you are studiously to avoid all occasions of giving offense, or countenancing anything that may create divisions or dissension. You are to endeavor, by all means in your power, to establish a permanent union and good understanding among all degrees and orders of Masonry; and as the glorious sun, at its meridian height, dispels the mists and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the gloom of jealousy and discord whenever they may appear.

Your badge, a *Plumb-Rule surmounted by the Turban*, is an emblem of rectitude and vigilance; and while you stand as a watchman on the tower, to guard your Companions against the approach of those enemies of human felicity, *intemperance* and *excess*, let this faithful monitor ever remind you to walk uprightly in your station, admonishing and animating your Companions to fidelity and industry while at labor, and to tem-

perance and moderation while at refreshment. And when the great Watchman of Israel, whose eye is never closed, shall relieve you from your post on earth, may He permit you in heaven to participate in that food and refreshment which is

“Such as the saints in glory love,
And such as angels eat.”

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CHARGE TO THE TREASURER

Companion: You have been elected as the Treasurer of this Chapter, and I have the pleasure of investing you with the badge of your office. The qualities which should recommend a Treasurer are *accuracy and fidelity*—accuracy in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements, and fidelity in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Chapter that may be placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same whenever he is called upon for that purpose. I presume that your respect for the institution, your attachment to the interests of your Chapter, and your regard for a good name, which is better than precious ointment, will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.

CHARGE TO THE SECRETARY

Companion: You have been elected Secretary of this Chapter, and it is with pleasure that I invest you with the badge of your office. The qualities which should recommend a Secretary are *promptitude* in issuing such notifications as may be required, and also the orders of his superiors; *punctuality* in attending the convocations of his Chapter; *correctness* in recording its proceedings; *judgment* in discriminating what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing; *regularity* in making his annual returns to the Grand Chapter; *integrity* in accounting for all moneys that may come into his hands; and *fidelity* in paying the same to the Treasurer. The possession of these good qualities, I presume, has designated

you as a suitable candidate for this important office, and I can not entertain a doubt that you will discharge its duties beneficially to the Chapter and honorably to yourself. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you be admitted into the Celestial Grand Chapter of saints and angels, and find your name *recorded in the Book of Life Eternal*.

CHARGE TO THE CHAPLAIN

Companion: The sacred position of Chaplain has been entrusted to your care, and I now invest you with the jewels of your office.

In the discharge of your duties you will be required to conduct the devotional exercises of the convocations of your Companions, and to perform the sacred functions of your holy calling at their meetings. Though Masonry be not Religion, it is emphatically Religion's handmaid; and I am sure that, in ministering at its altar, the services you may perform will lose nothing of their vital importance because they are practiced in that spirit of universal tolerance which distinguishes our institution. The doctrines of morality and virtue which you are accustomed to inculcate to the world, as a minister of God, will form the appropriate lessons which you are expected to communicate to your Companions. The profession which you have chosen as your lot in life is the best guaranty that you will discharge the duties of your present appointment with steadfastness and perseverance in well-doing.

CHARGE TO THE CAPTAIN OF THE HOST

Companion: The office with which you are entrusted is of high importance, and demands your most zealous consideration. The preservation of the most essential traits of our ancient customs, usages, and landmarks is within your province; and it is indispensably necessary that the part assigned to you, in the immediate practice of our rites and ceremonies, should be perfectly understood and correctly administered.

Your office corresponds to that of Marshal, or Master of Ceremonies. You are to superintend all processions of your Chapter, when moving as a distinct body, either in public or private; and as the world can only judge of our private discipline by our public deportment, you will be careful that the utmost order and decorum be observed on all such occasions. You will ever be attentive to the commands of your chief, and always near at hand to see them duly executed. I invest you with the badge of your office and arm you with a sword, and I presume that you will give to your duties all that study and attention which importance demands.

CHARGE TO THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER

Companion: The office confided to you, though subordinate in degree, is equal in importance to any in the Chapter, that of your chief alone excepted. Your office corresponds with that of Senior Deacon in the preparatory degrees. Among the duties required of you the preparation and introduction of candidates are not the least. As in our intercourse with the world experience teaches that our first impressions are often the most durable, and the most difficult to eradicate, so it is of great importance, in all cases, that those impressions should be correct and just. Hence it is essential that the officer who brings the blind by a way that they knew not, and leads them in paths that they have not know, should always be well qualified to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.

Your *robe of office* is an emblem of humility, and teaches that in the prosecution of a laudable undertaking we should never decline taking any part that may be assigned us, although it may be the most difficult or dangerous.

The *rose-colored, tessellated border* adorning the robe is an emblem of ardor and perseverance, and signifies that when we have engaged in a virtuous course, notwithstanding all the impediments, hardships, and trials we may be destined to encounter, we should endure them all with fortitude, and ardently persevere unto the end, resting assured of receiving, at the

termination of our labors, a noble and glorious reward. Your past exertions will be considered as a pledge of your future assiduity in the faithful discharge of your duties.

CHARGE TO THE ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN

Companion: The well-known duties of your station require but little elucidation. Your office in the preparatory degrees corresponds with that of Junior Deacon. It is your province, conjointly with the Captain of the Host, to attend the examination of all visitors, and to take care that those only are permitted to enter the Chapter who have *traveled the rugged path* of trial, and evinced their title to our favor and friendship. You will be attentive to obey the commands of the Captain of the Host during *the introduction of strangers among the workmen*; so that, should they be permitted to pass your post, they may be introduced into the presence of the Grand Council.

The *White Banner* entrusted to your care is emblematical of that *Purity* of heart and rectitude of conduct which ought to actuate all those who pass the white veil of the sanctuary. I give it to you strictly in charge, never to suffer anyone to pass your post without the *Signet of Truth*.

I present you the badge of your office, and deliver this sword into your hands, in expectation of your performing your duties with intelligence, assiduity, and propriety.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL

Companion: I present you with the *Scarlet Banner*, which is the ensign of your office, and with a sword to protect and defend the same. The rich and beautiful color of your banner is emblematical of Fervency and Zeal; it is the appropriate color of the Royal Arch Degree; it admonishes us that we should be fervent in the exercise of our devotions to God, and zealous in our endeavors to promote the happiness of man.

Companion: I present you with the *Purple Banner*, which is the ensign of your office, and arm you with a sword to enable you to maintain its honor.

The color of your banner is produced by a due admixture of *blue* and *scarlet*, the former of which is the characteristic color of the *symbolic* or *first three degrees of Masonry*, and the latter that of the *Royal Arch Degree*. It is an emblem of *Union*, and is the characteristic color of the intermediate degrees. It admonishes us to cultivate and improve that spirit of union and harmony between the brethren of the symbolic degrees and the Companions of the sublime degree which should ever distinguish the members of a society founded upon the principles of everlasting truth and universal philanthropy.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL

Companion: I present you with the *Blue Banner*, which is the ensign of your office, and arm you with a sword for its defense and protection. The color of your banner is one of the most durable and beautiful in nature. It is the appropriate color adopted and worn by our ancient brethren of the three symbolic degrees, and is the peculiar characteristic of an institution which has stood the test of ages, and which is as much distinguished for the durability of its materials or principles as by the beauty of its superstructure. It is an emblem of universal *Friendship* and *Benevolence*, and instructs us that, in the mind of a Mason, these virtues should be as expansive as the Blue Arch of Heaven itself.

CHARGE TO THE MASTERS OF THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD VEILS AS OVERSEERS

(Forming a triangle at the Altar on the side towards the W. and upholding their banners.)

Companions: Those who are placed as overseers of any work should be well qualified to judge of its beauties and deformities, its excellencies and defects; they should be capable of estimating the former and amending the latter. This consideration should induce you to cultivate and improve all those qualifications which you already possess, as well as to persevere

in your endeavors to acquire those in which you are deficient. Let the various *colors* of the *banners* committed to your charge admonish you to the exercise of the several virtues of which they are emblematic. You are to enjoin the practice of those virtues upon all who shall present themselves or the *work* of their hands for your inspection. Let no work receive your approbation but such as is calculated to adorn and strengthen the Masonic edifice. Be industrious and faithful in practicing and disseminating a knowledge of that *true and perfect work* which alone can stand the test of the *Grand Overseer's Square* in the great day of trial and tribulation. Then, although every *rod* should become a *serpent*, and every serpent an enemy to this institution, yet shall their utmost exertions to destroy its reputation, or sap its foundations, become as impotent as the *leprous hand*, or as *water spilled upon the ground*, which can not be gathered up again.

CHARGE TO THE SENTINEL

Companion: You are appointed Sentinel of this Chapter, and I invest you with the badge, and entrust you with this implement of your office. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of all *cowans and eavesdroppers*, and suffer none to pass or repass but such as are *duly qualified*, so it should morally serve as a constant admonition to us to set guard at the entrance of our thoughts; to place a watch at the door of our lips; to post a sentinel at the avenue of our actions, thereby excluding every unqualified and unworthy thought, word, and deed, and preserving consciences void of offense toward God and toward man.

As the first application from visitors for admission into the Chapter is generally made to the Sentinel at the door, your station will often present you to the observance of strangers; it is, therefore, essentially necessary that he who sustains the office with which you are entrusted should be a man of good morals, steady habits, strict discipline, temperate, affable, and discreet. I trust that a just regard for the honor and the

reputation of the institution will ever induce you to perform with fidelity the trust reposed in you; and when the door of this earthly tabernacle shall be closed, may you find an abundant entrance through the gates into the temple and the city of our God.

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ADDRESS TO THE HIGH PRIEST

Excellent Companion: Having been honored with the free suffrages of the members of this Chapter you are elected to the most important office in their power to bestow. This expression of their esteem and respect should draw from you corresponding emotions; and your demeanor should be such as to repay the honor which they have so conspicuously conferred upon you by an honorable and faithful discharge of the duties of your office. The station which you are called to fill is important, not only as it respects the correct practice of our rites and ceremonies, and the internal economy of the Chapter over which you preside, but the public reputation of the institution will be generally found to rise or fall according to the skill, fidelity, and discretion with which its affairs are managed, and in proportion as the character and conduct of its principal officers deserve approbation or censure.

You have accepted a trust to which is attached a weight of responsibility which will require all your efforts to discharge honorably to yourself and satisfactorily to the Chapter. You are to see that your officers are capable and faithful in the discharge of their duties. Should they lack ability, you are expected to supply their deficiencies. You are to watch carefully the progress of their performances, and to see that the long-established customs of the institution suffer no derangement in their hands. You are to have a careful eye over the general conduct of the Chapter; see that due order and subordination are observed on all occasions; that the members are properly instructed; that due solemnity be observed in the practice of our rites; and that no improper levity be per-

mitted at any time, but more especially *at the introduction of strangers among the workmen.*

In fine, you are to be an example to your officers and members which they need not hesitate to follow, thus securing to yourself the favor of Heaven and the applause of your brethren and companions.

ADDRESS TO THE OFFICERS

Companions in Office: Precept and example should ever advance with equal pace. Those moral duties which you are required to teach to others you should never neglect to practice yourselves. Do you desire that the demeanor of your equals and inferiors towards you should be marked with deference and respect? Be sure that you omit no opportunity of furnishing them with examples in your own conduct toward your superiors. Do you desire to obtain instruction from those who are more wise or better informed than yourselves? Be sure that you are always ready to impart of your knowledge to those within your sphere who stand in need of and are entitled to receive it. Do you desire distinction among your Companions? Be sure that your claims to preferment are founded upon superior attainments; let no ambitious passion be suffered to induce you to envy or supplant a Companion who may be considered better qualified for promotion than yourselves; but rather let a laudable emulation induce you to strive to excel each other in improvement and discipline, ever remembering that he who faithfully performs his duty, even in a subordinate or private station, is as justly entitled to esteem and respect as he who is invested with supreme authority.

ADDRESS TO THE CHAPTER

Companions: The exercise and management of the degrees of Masonry in your Chapter while at work under its warrant, or Charter, are so highly appreciated, and the good reputation of the Chapter so well established, that I must presume these considerations alone, were there no others of greater magni-

tude, would be sufficient to induce you to preserve and perpetuate this valuable and honorable character. But when to these is added the pleasure which every philanthropic heart must feel in doing good, in promoting order, in diffusing light and knowledge, and in cultivating Masonic charity, which are the great objects of this sublime institution, I can not doubt that your future conduct, and that of your successors, will be such as to increase still more the lustre of your justly esteemed reputation.

May your *Chapter* become *beautiful* as the *temple*, *peaceful* as the *ark*, and *sacred* as its *most holy place*. May your offerings of *piety* and *praise* be *grateful* as the *incense*, your love *warm* as its *flame*, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be *pure* as the *altar*, and your conduct *acceptable* as the *offering*. May the exercises of your *charity* be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed *widow* and helpless *orphan*. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support: may you be endowed with every good and perfect gift while *traveling* the *rugged path* of life, and finally be *admitted within the veil* of Heaven, to the full enjoyment of life eternal.

The Grand Captain of the Host then makes the following proclamation:

In the name of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of North Carolina I proclaim the officers of — Chapter, No. —, to be duly installed in their respective offices.

The private Grand Honors are then given.

If the installation takes place in public, the expression will be "with the public Grand Honors of Masonry by three times three," and the public Grand Honors will be given.

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ARTICLE I.

Name.

Section 1. This body shall be known and designated as the "General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America."

Of Whom Composed.

Sec. 2. The General Grand Chapter shall consist:

1. Of the following officers, that is to say: General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chaplain, General

Grand Captain of the Host, General Grand Principal Sojourner, General Grand Royal Arch Captain, Three General Grand Masters of the Veils, and General Grand Sentinel.

2. Of the Past General Grand High Priests, Past Deputy General Grand High Priests, Past General Grand Kings, and Past General Grand Scribes.

3. Of the Past Grand High Priests of Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction.

4. Of the Grand High Priests, Deputy Grand High Priests, Grand Kings, and Grand Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction.

5. Of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the constituted Chapters chartered by the General Grand Chapter.

No one shall be, or continue an officer or member of the General Grand Chapter, who is not a member in good standing of a Chapter in this jurisdiction.

None but Present or Past High Priests shall be eligible to the first four offices in the General Grand Chapter.

The proxy of a Grand Officer must be a member of a Chapter in his own jurisdiction. The proxy of an officer of a Subordinate Chapter may be held by any affiliated Royal Arch Mason within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Meetings.

Sec. 3. The Stated Convocations of the General Grand Chapter shall be holden triennially, at such time and place as shall, from time to time, be designated for that purpose, provided, that the Twenty-eighth Convocation shall be holden in the year 1891.

Sec. 4. Special Convocations may be called by the General Grand High Priest, upon the request of the officers of three Grand Chapters; and shall be called upon the request of the

Grand High Priests of ten Grand Chapters, timely notice thereof being given to all those entitled to membership in the General Grand Chapter.

Sec. 5. If, in the opinion of the General Grand High Priest, there shall be danger to life or health, from sickness or other local cause, by any Convocation being held at the time appointed, he may change the time and place of the particular Convocation; in which event he shall immediately notify the General Grand Secretary, who shall forthwith give notice to all the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter in such manner as he may deem best calculated to effect the desired object.

Sec. 6. No business shall be transacted in the General Grand Chapter unless nine Grand Chapters shall be represented therein.

Powers.

Sec. 7. The General Grand Chapter has and possesses no other powers than such as are indispensably necessary to the exercise of its general powers, and consistent with the nature of the relations subsisting between the State Grand Chapters. It can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely; and all Masonic powers not hereby granted to it are reserved to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the several States, or to Royal Arch Masons individually.

It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters established by itself in those States, Districts, Republics and Territories which recognize this jurisdiction, and where there is no Grand Chapter established.

It shall have power to decide all questions of Masonic law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any of the Subordinate Chapters under its own immediate jurisdiction, and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, by formal vote; and

its decisions so made shall be deemed and regarded as those of the supreme judicial tribunal of Royal Arch Masonry in the last resort.

It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever, not hereby specially granted, nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapters, nor shall entertain any complaint against a Grand Chapter preferred by any Subordinate Chapter or individual Mason in that jurisdiction or elsewhere; but it may, upon proper reference to it of any matter of controversy between any two or more Grand Chapters, and even where the question is not one of Masonic law, custom or usage (both or all such Grand Chapters consenting to such reference), act as final arbiter between them, and settle such controversy.

It shall judge of the qualifications of its own members. It shall see that the ancient work of the Order is preserved in the several degrees, and established uniform formulas for installation of its own officers and those of Grand and Subordinate Chapters, for the consecration and constitution of Chapters, and the opening of Grand Chapters; and it may suspend the proceedings of any Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction, in any State, District or Territory where there is no Grand Chapter, for any willful violation of any of the provisions of this Constitution or for gross, unmasonic proceedings or conduct.

Elections.

Sec. 8. The Officers of the General Grand Chapter (except the General Grand Chaplain and Sentinel) shall be chosen at each Triennial Convocation by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast.

The General Grand Chaplain and General Grand Sentinel shall be appointed by the General Grand High Priest at the commencement of each Convocation of the General Grand

Chapter; and in all cases, the General Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are installed.

Sec. 9. Each member of the General Grand Chapter, except the General Grand Sentinel, shall have one vote in his own right, and no more; if, however, any officer of a Grand Chapter be not present in person or by proxy when any vote is taken, then the senior officer present shall cast the votes of those not present. Officers, or their proxies of the Subordinate Chapters, shall collectively have one vote.

Committees.

Sec. 10. At each Triennial Convocation the General Grand High Priest shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each consisting of seven members: 1, On Credentials; 2, On Reports of General Grand Officers; 3, On Finance; 4, On Jurisprudence; 5, On Charters and Dispensations; 6, On Grievances; 7, On Correspondence; 8, On Rituals; 9, On Memorials of the Dead. The General Grand High Priest may appoint other Committees as circumstances may require.

Upon these Committees shall devolve such duties as may, from time to time, be required by the General Grand Chapter.

Duties of Officers.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, and he has the power, to preside in the General Grand Chapter; to exercise and discharge the executive functions thereof when it is not in session; to convene any Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; to preside therein, to inspect its proceedings, and require conformity to Masonic law, usage and custom; to require the attendance of, and information from, any General Grand Officer respecting his office, and when in his opinion it is proper to do so, to suspend such officer and appoint a suitable person to act in his stead, until the next Convocation of the General

Grand Chapter, when report thereof shall be made for its action; to appoint such General Grand Officers as may be necessary to fill vacancies, and to perform such other duties, and exercise such other powers and prerogatives as properly pertain to the position, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

Sec. 12. In case of the death, absence, or inability to act, of the General Grand High Priest, or a vacancy in his office, the Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe shall, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes. In the absence of all these officers, the oldest Past General Grand Officers present, according to rank, shall preside at all Convocations of the General Grand Chapter.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the General Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds and property of the General Grand Chapter, except the fund held and invested by the Trustees of the permanent fund; to pay out no money except upon order of the General Grand Chapter, certified by the General Grand Secretary; but when the amount to be paid shall not be fixed by the General Grand Chapter, the claim shall be audited and approved by the General Grand High Priest; to report to each Triennial Convocation and oftener if required by the General Grand Chapter, or the General Grand High Priest, the amount of his receipts and expenditures, by items, and from whom received, and to whom paid, and the amount of funds and property in his hands; and to execute and deposit with the General Grand High Priest an official bond within thirty days after his election, payable to the General Grand High Priest and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King, and General Grand Scribe, or a majority of them, in a penalty of five thousand dollars, unless a different sum shall be fixed by the General Grand Chapter, conditioned that he will pay or deliver, on demand, to the General Grand Chapter, or to his successor in office, or prop-

erly account for, all funds and property of the General Grand Chapter that shall come to his hands as General Grand Treasurer; and if the General Grand Treasurer elect shall fail or refuse to execute a bond as herein required, then the General Grand High Priest shall appoint another General Grand Treasurer, who shall execute the required bond.

Sec. 13-A. A fund consisting of Twenty Thousand Dollars shall be set aside as a Permanent Fund of the General Grand Chapter, which fund, together with its increment and such sums as may be hereafter added thereto, shall be held and invested by a Board of Trustees, consisting of five members: The General Grand High Priest and General Grand Treasurer ex-officio, and three other members of the General Grand Chapter, one to be elected at each triennial convocation to serve for nine years; except at the first election of said Board of Trustees one shall be elected for a term of three years, one for a term of six years and one for a term of nine years. Every loan made by them shall be secured by bonds of the United States, or bonds of any State of the United States of America; or they may invest any part of said funds in such bonds or securities as are lawful investments for savings banks in the States of New York, Massachusetts or Connecticut. Neither the Board of Trustees or any member thereof shall be paid any compensation or remuneration whatsoever for services in the investment or management of said fund. The Board shall render the General Grand Chapter, at each triennial convocation and oftener when required by the General Grand Chapter or General Grand High Priest, a true and correct account in detail of all its receipts and disbursements, together with a descriptive inventory covering all its investments and funds, and shall submit its books for examination by the Committee on Finance.

The Custodian or Treasurer of the funds and investments shall give bond in such amount as may be required of him by the Board of Trustees, the premium thereon to be paid by the General Grand Chapter.

Sec. 14. It shall be the duty of the General Grand Secre-

tary to record the transactions of the General Grand Chapter; to receive, duly file, and safely keep all papers and documents of the General Grand Chapter; to prepare, sign and certify all charters, dispensations, and other instruments emanating from the General Grand Chapter, and when necessary affix its seal thereto; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the General Grand Chapter, and pay over the same to the General Grand Treasurer; to report to each Triennial Convocation, and oftener, if required by the General Grand Chapter, or the General Grand High Priest, the amount of moneys received by him, by items, and the specific sources from which received; also the Chapters, Grand and Subordinate, that have neglected to render proper returns, and are in arrears; and such general information as to the state of the Chapters, Grand and Subordinate, in this jurisdiction, as may be proper for the information or action of the General Grand Chapter; to conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter; to attend with all necessary books and papers under his control, on all Convocations of the General Grand Chapter; to execute and deposit with the General Grand High Priest an official bond within thirty days after his election, payable to the General Grand High Priest and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe, or a majority of them, in the penalty of five thousand dollars, unless a different sum shall be fixed by the General Grand Chapter, conditioned that he will promptly pay over or deliver, on demand, to the General Grand Treasurer, or properly account for, all funds or other property of the General Grand Chapter that may come to his hands as General Grand Secretary; and if the General Grand Secretary elect shall fail or refuse to execute such bond as herein required, then the General Grand High Priest shall appoint another General Grand Secretary, who shall execute the required bond.

Sec. 15. The remaining General Grand Officers shall perform such duties as pertain to their respective stations,

according to the custom and usages of the Craft, and as may be required by the General Grand Chapter.

New Chapters.

Sec. 16. The General Grand High Priest shall have power and authority, upon the petition of nine or more regular Royal Arch Masons, to grant dispensations, for a limited time, for the formation of Subordinate Chapters, under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, in all cases where the General Grand Chapter has authority to establish Chapters under the provisions of this Constitution, when, in his opinion, the good of the Craft may require the same; the time in no case to extend beyond the close of the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter. But no new Chapter shall be thus established when there is a Chapter within a reasonable distance in this jurisdiction, without the approbation of the Chapter nearest to the place where said new Chapter is proposed to be located.

Chapters under dispensation have the same powers as chartered Chapters, except the election and installation of officers, and the rights growing out of such election and installation.

Duties of the General Grand Council.

Sec. 17. It shall be the duty of the General Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest, General Grand King and General Grand Scribe, to improve and perfect themselves in the work and lectures pertaining to the degrees conferred in this jurisdiction, as shall be prescribed by the General Grand Chapter, and to disseminate the same in the manner which, in their opinion, will best secure the desired end, or as may be required, from time to time, by the General Grand Chapter.

Miscellaneous.

Sec. 18. The officers of every Chapter, Grand and Subordinate, in this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of the functions of their respective offices, and every candidate

upon his admission, shall take an obligation to support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America.

Degrees.

Sec. 19. The degrees recognized by the General Grand Chapter to be conferred in Chapters in this jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason.

Fees and Dues.

Sec. 20. The General Grand Chapter shall, from time to time, fix the amount to be paid into the treasury thereof, for the organization of, and as dues from, Subordinate Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction, and also the assessments to be paid by Grand Chapters.

Sec. 21. The fees for conferring the several degrees by the Chapters in this jurisdiction shall not be less than twenty dollars.

Appeals.

Sec. 22. An appeal shall, in all cases, lie to the General Grand Chapter, from the decision of the General Grand High Priest; but his opinion and decision shall stand as the judgment of the General Grand Chapter, unless it shall be otherwise determined by the concurrent vote of a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE II.

Grand Chapters.

Sec. 23. Whenever there shall be three Subordinate Chapters regularly chartered and constituted in any State, District, Republic or Territory, by virtue of authority derived from this Constitution, a Grand Chapter may be established, as soon as convenience and propriety may dictate; provided, that the approbation of the General Grand High Priest shall have been

first obtained. And any Grand Chapter, thus established, shall have and possess all the rights, privileges and prerogatives conferred upon Grand Chapters by this Constitution.

Of Whom Composed.

Sec. 24. Grand Chapters shall consist :

1. Of the following Elective Officers, that is to say : Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

2. Of the following Appointed Officers, that is to say : Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host ; Grand Royal Arch Captain and Grand Sentinel. Grand Chapters may, however, provide for the election of these officers, or any of them, by provisions to that effect in their Constitution or By-laws ; and may, also, in the same manner, provide for the election or appointment of such other officers as they may see proper, not in contravention of this Constitution, and the usages and customs of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction.

3. Of the Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings and Past Grand Scribes of any Grand Chapter in this jurisdiction, while they continue members of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter in which they seek admission.

4. Of the Past High Priests of the chartered Chapters under their respective jurisdictions ; also, such Past High Priests of other jurisdictions, who have removed thereto and become affiliated with a chartered Chapter, who may be elected to permanent membership by the Grand Chapter ; provided the Grand Chapter shall have first so prescribed in its Constitution or By-laws.

5. Of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies duly appointed, of the chartered Chapters under their respective jurisdictions ; or, in their absence, then in their stead, a representative appointed by the Chapter, provided, that any Grand Chapter may, in its Constitution or By-laws, limit the

number of representatives of its subordinates to **one**, who shall be the High Priest, King, Scribe, or representative chosen by the Subordinate Chapter, and having precedence in the order named.

Meetings.

Sec. 25. The Stated Convocations of Grand Chapters shall be holden at least once in every two years, and oftener, if they shall consider it expedient or necessary, and at such time and place as they shall respectively determine.

Elections.

Sec. 26. At each annual or biennial Convocation the elective officers shall be chosen by ballot, by a majority of the votes cast.

Voting.

Sec. 27. Each member of a Grand Chapter has one vote, and no more, in his own right; but if any officer of a Chapter is not present in person or by proxy, his vote may be cast by the senior officer present, or if none, by the proxy of the senior officer; if no officer or his proxy is present, the representative of the Chapter shall be entitled to three votes, provided, that when a Grand Chapter shall prescribe that there shall be but one representative from each of its subordinates, such Chapter or representative shall have but one vote, but this provision shall not be construed as to interfere with the operations of paragraph 4, of Section 24.

Powers.

Sec. 28. Grand Chapters have the sole government and superintendence, except as herein otherwise specially provided, of the several Subordinate Chapters within their respective jurisdictions; to assign their limits and to settle any controversies which may arise between them; and shall have power in such manner and under such restrictions as they may severally determine, not inconsistent with the provisions of this

Constitution, to establish new Subordinate Chapters within their respective jurisdictions.

Duties of Officers.

Sec. 29. The officers of Grand Chapters shall severally perform such duties and shall possess and enjoy such powers, prerogatives and privileges within their respective jurisdictions as are required, possessed and enjoyed by the officers of the General Grand Chapter of like grade, under the provisions of this Constitution, as far as the same may be applicable.

Grand Chapters may require their Grand Officers to perform such other duties as may be deemed appropriate, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, or the usages of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction.

Sec. 30. Grand Secretaries of Grand Chapters shall severally make an annual communication to each other, and also to the General Grand Secretary, containing a list of Grand Officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary for the mutual benefit and information of the Grand Chapters; and shall also transmit to the General Grand Secretary a copy of all their by-laws and regulations, and, annually, a copy of their Proceedings to each of the officers of the General Grand Chapter.

Revenue.

Sec. 31. Grand Chapters may make upon the Subordinate Chapters within their respective jurisdictions, such assessments for revenue as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Grand Chapter; and may prescribe the time and manner of the payment thereof; and may, also, require of their respective Subordinate Chapters, at stated times, such information as to their condition as may be deemed proper, and may prescribe penalties for a failure to do these things.

Miscellaneous.

Sec. 32. Grand Chapters, in the formation of Subordinate Chapters in their respective jurisdictions, shall observe the

requirements and provisions of this Constitution in relation to the establishment of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, so far as the same may be applicable.

Sec. 33. Grand Chapters may concede territorial jurisdiction to each other, over territory nearer to a Chapter in another jurisdiction than to one in their own.

ARTICLE III.

Subordinate Chapters.

Sec. 34. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout this jurisdiction shall have a dispensation or a charter, issued under the authority of the General Grand Chapter, or some Grand Chapter in this jurisdiction; and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or charter; and Masonic communication, both public and private, is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Chapter in this jurisdiction, or any member thereof, and any Chapter or assembly that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden, or any member thereof, or any person exalted or advanced therein. But nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any Chapter which was established before the adoption of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, at Hartford, January 27, 1798.

Sec. 35. No dispensation or charter shall be granted for instituting Lodges of Most Excellent, Past or Mark Masters independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Sec. 36. Charters for instituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons shall contain also the power to open and hold Lodges of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons—the High Priest, King, and Scribe, for the time being, to be the Master and Wardens in said Lodges.

Sec. 37. It is the duty of the High Priest of every Chapter, as appertaining to his office, to see that the By-laws of his Chapter, as well as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, by authority of which his Chapter is working,

be duly observed; that all the subordinate officers of his Chapter perform the duties of their respective stations faithfully, and are examples of diligence and industry to their companions; that true and exact records be kept of all the transactions of the Chapter, by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts of all moneys belonging to the Chapter; that the regular returns be made by the Secretary to the Grand Chapter, and the annual dues thereto be regularly and punctually paid. The charter of his Chapter is committed to his special care and charge. He has the right and authority of calling his Chapter together at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence which in his judgment may require a meeting. It is also his duty, together with the King and Scribe of his Chapter, to attend the Convocations of the Grand Chapter, either in person or by proxy.

Sec. 38. Whenever it shall be inconvenient for the General Grand High Priest, or a Grand High Priest, to attend in person, to constitute a new Chapter and install the officers, he shall have power and authority to appoint some worthy High Priest or Past High Priest to perform the necessary ceremonies.

Sec. 39. No person having been a member of a Chapter shall be admitted a member of any Chapter in this jurisdiction until he shall have produced a certificate from the Chapter to which he last belonged, that he was in regular standing, and as such, at his own request, was dismissed and recommended, unless such Chapter has ceased to exist—in which case the certificate of the General Grand or Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction in which such Chapter had existed, as the case may be, shall be held sufficient.

Sec. 40. Chapters in this jurisdiction are authorized to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, on any worthy Companion from without this jurisdiction, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that degree, to the end that he may be healed and thereby become a regular Royal Arch Mason, free of charge. For conferring

said degrees, in such cases, Chapters shall be exempt from paying any dues.

Sec. 41. No Chapter shall confer the degrees of the Chapter upon any person whose fixed place of abode is within any other State, District or Territory in which there is a Grand Chapter regularly established, except by the consent of the Subordinate Chapter nearest the place of residence of the applicant, or when the Grand Chapter has ceded the territory on which he resides.

Sec. 42. When the High Priest of a Chapter is absent, or, in case of his inability to act, his powers and prerogatives shall vest in the King and Scribe, in succession. In the absence of all these officers from a stated convocation or a special Convocation legally called, the Junior Past High Priest present may open the Chapter and preside.

Rejected Candidates.

Sec. 43. No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees on any candidate previously rejected by any other Chapter, without the consent of such rejecting Chapter, provided such Chapter be in existence.

Quorum.

Sec. 44. For all purposes, except opening and closing a Chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

Amendments.

Sec. 45. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any Triennial Convocation, upon the concurrence of two-thirds of the votes to which members present may be entitled, provided the proposed amendment shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Jurisprudence, provided, also, that if said Committee shall fail to make report, the proposed amendment may be called up by consent of two-thirds of the members present, and be acted on as if such report had been made.

STANDING REGULATIONS

Adopted August 25, 1880.

First. For instituting a new Chapter, there shall be paid into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter ninety dollars.

Second. Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall pay into the treasury thereof one dollar for each exaltation by such Chapters; and twenty-five cents annually for each and every member of the same. *As Amended August 24, 1894.*

Third. Grand Chapters of this jurisdiction shall pay annually, on or before the first day of July, into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter the sum of one cent for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon the rolls of their subordinates at the date of their preceding annual reports.

Fourth. The salary of the General Grand Secretary shall be eight hundred dollars per annum. *As Amended October 8, 1903.*

Fifth. The General Grand Treasurer shall receive as compensation for his services two and one-half per centum upon each and every dollar of disbursements made by him.

Sixth. The necessary expenses incurred by the officers of the General Grand Chapter, except the General Grand Chaplain and General Grand Sentinel, shall be audited by the Committee on Finance, and paid by the General Grand Treasurer.

Seventh. A reasonable compensation shall be paid to the General Grand Sentinel, to be fixed by the Committee on Finance.

Eighth. The By-laws of all Chapters within the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and all amendments to the same, shall be inoperative until approved by the General Grand Chapter or the General Grand High Priest. *Adopted August 24, 1891*

UNIFORM CODE OF BY-LAWS RECOMMENDED FOR CHAPTERS UNDER GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

By-laws of———Chapter, No—, Royal Arch Masons,
held in the——of——, County of——, State of——.

Article I.

The name of this Chapter shall be———Chapter, No——, Royal Arch Masons. Its officers consisting of an Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Master of the 3d Vail, Master of the 2d Vail, Master of the 1st Vail and Sentinel, whose styles shall be Companion, who shall be elected annually at the regular Convocation held on the evening of the——day of——, and shall be installed at the same Convocation or within forty days thereafter.*

Article II.

The regular Convocations of this Chapter shall be held on the——.

Article III.

Applications for degrees shall be made in writing, be signed by the petitioner, shall specify his age, residence and occupation, and shall be recommended by at least two members of the Chapter, shall be presented at a regular Convocation, and shall be referred to a committee of three members for inquiry and report, and may be acted upon at the same Convocation at which the petition may be received.

Article IV.

The fees for conferring the degrees shall be †\$——, divided as follows: For the degree of Mark Master, \$——. For the degree of Past Master, \$——. For the degree of Most Excellent Master, \$——, and for the degree of Royal Arch Mason, \$——.

A unanimous ballot must be had for the candidate for each degree, and in no case shall a ballot be taken until the money required for the degree applied for shall be in actual deposit with the Secretary.

Article V.

Each member shall pay annually the sum of \$——, at or before the regular or stated Convocation for the election of officers as yearly dues.

Article VI.

A member who shall be in arrears for dues one year or more shall be notified to appear and show cause, if any there be, at the next ensuing stated Convocation, why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues, and at such Convocation, unless such dues shall have been paid or remitted, then, unless excused by the Chapter, he may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of all the members present. And if he shall afterwards pay all arrearages to the date of such suspension he shall thereby be reinstated.

Article VII.

No alteration or amendment of these By-laws shall be made unless the same be proposed in writing at a stated Convocation, when such proposed amendment shall be entered upon the minutes and lie over until the next regular Convocation, when, if approved by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, the amendment shall be submitted for inspection and approval to the General Grand High Priest, as required by Standing Regulation No. 8. of the General Grand Chapter, whereupon, if approved, the same shall be in force.* Proc. 1900, p. 112.

*Until a Chapter is constituted under its Charter it cannot elect or install officers.

†The minimum fee established by the General Grand Chapter is \$20.

DIGEST OF THE DECISIONS
OF THE
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED

Affiliation.

1. Membership in a Chapter should be dependent upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Master Masons. Pro. 1889, pp. 76, 83.

2. The resolution of the General Grand Chapter, adopted in 1889 (See Pro. of 1889, p. 83), is as follows:

“Resolved, That membership in a Chapter should be dependent “upon and co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Freemasons”—is declaratory only of the sense of the General Grand Chapter that every Royal Arch Mason ought to be in affiliation with a Lodge of Freemasons; but any legislation upon the subject must be left to the Grand Chapters of States and Territories, or to their subordinates; and the power of the General Grand Chapter in the matter is limited to its immediate subordinates. Pro. 1891, p. 42.

3. Held that without any regulation prescribed on the subject, Masonic affiliation would be held voluntary, and non-affiliation would not be a Masonic offence. The matter of non-affiliation is within the control of State Grand Chapters, each within its jurisdiction. Pro. 1900, pp. 39, 111.

4. Dimitted Royal Arch Masons who become demented before petitioning for affiliation in other Chapters are disqualified during the time of dementia. Pro. 1912, p. 43.

5. The General Grand Chapter, in 1889, adopted a resolution prescribing that membership in a Chapter should be dependent on and co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Freemasons; the rule so formulated is binding upon the membership of all Chapters subordinate to the General Grand Chapter. Pro. 1900, pp. 39, 111.

6. In the absence of any legislation by a Grand Chapter covering the subject of conferring degrees on one who is not an affiliated Master Mason, a chapter has the right to receive and act upon the petition and confer the degrees. Pro. 1915, p. 39.

See CANDIDATES, 2; CHAPTERS, U. D., 9; MEMBERSHIP.

Altar.

1. The three great lights in Freemasonry are the only requisites needed for display on the Altar during Convocations held under the jurisdiction of the Capitular Rite. Pro. 1906, pp. 34, 120.

Appeal.

1. In 1850, the General Grand Chapter entertained an appeal from the action of the Grand Chapter of New York, but dismissed it. Pro. 1850. Reprint of Pro., p. 258.

2. The right of appeal to the General Grand Chapter by a Subordinate Chapter from the decision of its Grand Chapter does not exist in the Constitution, nor has there ever been a precedent for it. Reprint of Pro., pp. 338, 340; Cons., Sec. 7.

3. An appeal may be taken from the decision of the General Grand High Priest to the General Grand Chapter. Reprint of Pro. 1856, p. 388; Cons., Sec. 22.

Ballot.

1. It is contrary to the landmarks to excuse a member from voting upon a petition for the degrees. Pro. 1877, p. 89.

2. The ballot should be secret. No inquiry should be allowed as to who cast a black ball, and no inquiry can be made as to the motive which induced a companion to cast a black ball. Pro. 1886, pp. 41, 120.

3. When a ballot for degrees has commenced it should be concluded and the result declared without postponement. Pro. 1886, pp. 41, 126.

4. A Companion who exposes his ballot or reveals the nature of his vote should be disciplined therefor. Pro. 1886, p. 120.

5. A petition for degrees must be disposed of by ballot. Pro. 1884, p. 53.

By-Laws.

1. The By-Laws of a Chapter or any part of them cannot be suspended temporarily by the unanimous consent of the members of the Chapter or otherwise. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

2. An official bond, when required, should be given for each term of service. The condition of an official bond is for performance of duty not always, but for a specified term, and is therefore not binding on the sureties beyond the term specified. Pro. 1900, pp. 37, 111.

Candidates.

1. Previously to 1889, there was no law of the General Grand Chapter prohibiting the conferring of the Chapter degrees upon a non-affiliated Master Mason. Pro. 1889, pp. 27, 81.

2. But in 1889, the General Grand Chapter decided that "hereafter no Chapter degree shall be conferred upon a non-affiliated Master Mason." Pro. 1889, p. 81.

3. It is incompetent for Royal Arch Chapters to confer the respective degrees of Masonry upon candidates whose physical defects are such as to prevent them from conforming literally to all the requirements of such degrees. Reprint of Pro., p. 329.

4. A Chapter has the right to request another Chapter to confer the degrees upon an elected candidate, and it may surrender jurisdiction over a candidate. Pro. 1889, p. 81.

5. The petition of a rejected candidate cannot be again considered unless he present a petition anew after at least six months shall have elapsed. Pro. 1889, p. 81.

6. The time elapsing after a candidate has been rejected before he can apply again is determined by the rejecting Chapter, except that now the term cannot be less than six months Pro. 1883, p. 22. Pro. 1889, pp. 25, 81.

7. A Master Mason who has lost the index finger of the right hand at the second joint may be exalted a Royal Arch Mason. Pro. 1887, pp. 20, 89.

8. A Mark Master Mason whose right knee is without motion, perfectly stiff, is unable to conform literally to the requirements of the work, and cannot receive the Chapter degrees. Pro. 1877, pp. 20, 89.

9. A blind Mason cannot receive the Chapter degrees. Pro. 1877, pp. 20, 89.

10. Candidates who are crippled may be accepted when their maim does not amount to inability to comply with our rites and ceremonies. Pro. 1883, pp. 23, 90.

11. The General Grand Chapter does not prescribe the qualifications of candidates. According to the landmarks, they must be Master Masons. The term "in good standing" is determined by the laws governing the Master Masons' Lodges in each particular jurisdiction. If an unaffiliated Mason is in good standing he is eligible for degrees. Pro. 1874, pp. 25, 60. Pro. 1883, pp. 23, 90.

This was the law previously to 1889; but see CANDIDATES, 2; *ante*. Pro. 1889, p. 81.

12. In Chapters under dispensation, under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, the Companions under the dispensation, including those exalted in such Chapters, are the only qualified voters on petitions for degrees. Pro. 1883, pp. 22, 90.

13. A petition cannot be withdrawn after it has been entered of record, either by unanimous consent or otherwise. Pro. 1883, pp. 21, 90.

14. Petitioners for degrees and for membership in Chapters under the General Grand Chapter must be affiliated Master Masons. Pro. 1883, pp. 22, 90. Pro. 1889, p. 83.

15. The acceptance of a candidate who has an artificial leg, but who can conform to the requirements of the work, is permissible. Pro. 1894, p. 54.

16. The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter is silent on the subject of jurisdiction relative to time of residence, but the edicts declare that six months shall expire after an applicant is rejected before he can renew his application; it would seem, therefore, that six months' residence within the jurisdiction of a Chapter would authorize it to entertain an application. Pro. 1903, pp. 42, 122.

17. The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico is a Sovereign body with complete control over the Lodges of its obedience; that the Master Masons made in its Lodges are entitled to full and complete recognition everywhere, and as such are eligible to receive the degrees conferred in Royal Arch Chapters. Pro. 1906, p. 123.

See DEGREES; JURISDICTION, 1, 2; MEETINGS, 6, 7; OBJECTION, 1, 2; RESIDENCE, SUBSTITUTES, 1.

Certificates.

See DIPLOMAS.

Chapters.

1. A Chapter cannot be formed without a dispensation or charter from a Grand Chapter. Pro. 1847. Reprint of Pro., p. 232. And Chapters formed without such dispensation or charter cannot legally unite and form a Grand Chapter. *Ibid.*, p. 233; Cons., Sec. 23.

2. A Chapter can be properly opened by a Past High Priest in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe. Cons., Sec. 42.

3. A Chapter may be dissolved by the vote of a majority of its members. The membership of such Chapter need not be summoned in the Masonic sense of the term, so long as those within reach have been notified of the proposed meeting at which the question is to be taken under consideration. Pro. 1906, p. 124.

See CANDIDATES, 4; CHAPTERS, U. D.; CHARTER, &c., 10; DEGREES; DIMITS; DISCIPLINE, 2, 3, 4, 5; DUES; FUNERALS; HIGH PRIESTS, 1; JURISDICTION, 1, 2; MEETINGS, 4, 5, 6, 7; MINUTES; QUORUM; RESTORATION; SUBSTITUTES; WORK, 1, 2.

Chapters Under Dispensation.

1. No dispensation can issue for a Chapter under the authority of the General Grand Chapter, without the approval of the nearest Chapter, if there is one within a reasonable distance. Cons., Sec. 16.

2. The recommendation of the nearest Chapter is not required where such nearest Chapter is not within a reasonable distance. Pro. 1865, p. 30. Pro. 1877, p. 90.

3. The officer granting a dispensation for a new Chapter is the judge of what constitutes a reasonable distance. Pro. 1865, p. 30. Pro. 1877, p. 90.

4. A Chapter, distant one hundred and fifty miles, is not within a reasonable distance. Pro. 1865, pp. 25, 30.

5. There is no prescribed form for approving the application for dispensation for a new Chapter on the part of the nearest Chapter. A simple resolution is all that is necessary. Pro. 1877, p. 19.

6. In 1826 the General Grand Council, or a majority of its members, had power to grant dispensations and charters for Royal Arch Chapters in any country whatever, where in their

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Degrees.

1. Companions from without the jurisdiction of the United States who may present themselves as Royal Arch Masons, producing satisfactory evidence of having received that degree may be given the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master to the end that they may be healed. Pro. 1844. Reprint of Pro., p. 198. Pro. 1850. Reprint of Pro., pp. 264, 265, 271; Cons., Sec. 40.

2. A foreign Companion not in possession of all the degrees as practiced in the United States is not allowed to visit a Chapter. Pro. 1850. Reprint of Pro., pp. 264, 265, 271. Pro. 1877, p. 17.

3. It is no invasion of jurisdiction to confer a missing degree upon a member of a foreign Chapter. Pro. 1877, p. 17.

4. A resident of one jurisdiction, being a foreign Companion not in possession of one of the American degrees, can be healed by a Chapter in another jurisdiction in which he desires to visit. Pro. 1877, p. 17.

5. Healing a Companion of a foreign jurisdiction to enable him to visit a Chapter, does not confer membership in a dependent Lodge, nor does it affiliate him with the Chapter. Pro. 1877, p. 17.

6. The order of the degrees cannot be changed without an amendment of the Constitution. Pro. 1877, p. 90.

7. It is not competent to confer the degrees upon clergymen without fee. Compare Pro. 1826. Reprint of Pro., p. 98, with Pro. 1847. Reprint of Pro., p. 215. See paragraph 15.

well-known usages require to complete the organization of the Companions for the work entrusted to their care, and this done they may then proceed to receive and consider petitions *to the Chapter* so formed, and cause a record to be made of the work done. Pro. 1900, pp. 38, 111.

The words "adopt By-laws" were eliminated from the above decision, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which Committee had recommended and the General Grand Chapter had adopted a code of By-laws applicable only to Chapters U.:D.: Pro. 1900, pp. 111, 112.

15. Petitions for charters for Chapters U.:D.: may include as petitioners Royal Arch Masons who are not members of such Chapters U.:D.:, but are otherwise qualified. Pro. 1912, p. 43.

16. High Priests of Chapters U.:D.: who permanently remove to other jurisdictions do not thereby vacate their office, so as to create a vacancy. In such cases the King performs the duties of High Priest. Pro. 1912, p. 43.

Charges.

Charges against a companion for unmasonic conduct must be preferred at a stated convocation of a Chapter. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

Charters and Dispensations.

1. A Charter was issued to W— as High Priest, and M— as King of a new Chapter, with authority to them to name the remaining officers. Pro. 1835. Reprint of Pro., p. 133.

2. Upon the organization of a new Grand Chapter the Subordinate Chapters may continue to work under their old charters, or take out new ones as the Grand Chapter may decide. Pro. 1877, p. 89. Pro. 1886, p. 46.

3. Such new charters should not be in the form of original warrants, but should recite the fact of the previous existence of the Chapter, and authorize its continued existence. Pro. 1877, p. 18.

4. A charter granted by the General Grand Chapter cannot thereafter receive amendment. Pro. 1886, pp. 44, 120.

5. Before a charter can issue, each Companion named in such charter must present a dimit from the Chapter of which he was last a member. Pro. 1883, p. 91.

6. It is usual, but not legally necessary, to name as the first three officers in a charter the same Companions named in the dispensation. Pro. 1877, pp. 14, 88.

7. It is the duty of the General Grand Secretary to insert in the charter as the first three officers of the Chapter the names of the Companions recommended by the resolution adopted by the Chapter, U.D.: Pro. 1877, p. 15, 89.

8. The Companions named as first three officers in a charter should be members of the Chapter, although they need not be of the petitioners for the dispensation. Pro. 1877, p. 14.

9. Appointments until the issuance of a charter are temporary; when the Chapter receives its charter it proceeds to hold its first election under the charter, and the officers so elected and installed hold until the next annual election under the By-laws, and until their successors are installed. Pro. 1877, pp. 15, 89.

10. When the charter of a Chapter has been accidentally destroyed, a substitute therefor, with proper recitals, may be issued. Pro. 1847. Reprint of Pro., p. 225. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

11. When a vote was passed to give a charter to petitioners for a Chapter the case was closed, and the petitioners (for charter) named were the only ones to be named in the charter. Pro. 1886, p. 44.

12. Whenever it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the General Grand High Priest that any charter issued by the General Grand Chapter has been lost or destroyed, he may order the General Grand Secretary to issue a duplicate of the original, which to all intents and purposes shall be as effectual as the original charter. Pro. 1906, p. 120.

13. The charter of a Chapter thus surrendered cannot be restored to a minority of its members, and once surrendered is terminated. Pro. 1906, p. 124.

14. A charter may be given to members of a formerly existing Chapter provided that they petition for the same, and are found worthy. Pro. 1906, p. 124.

15. The charter of a Chapter existing under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, whether within the territory of the United States or a foreign country, cannot be transferred to a Grand Chapter under any circumstances or conditions, * * * the jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter does not extend beyond the territorial limits of the State in which it exercises jurisdiction. Pro. 1909, p. 129.

16. All members of a chapter working under dispensation when the charter is granted and issued are charter members and entitled to have their names inscribed thereon. Pro. 1915, p. 40.

Clothing.

1. The clothing of a Royal Arch Mason is defined to be a white lamb skin apron (for which cotton or linen cannot be substituted), square in form, lined with scarlet silk and with a narrow edging of scarlet, without any device whatever on the body, but with a triple tau cross within a triangle, and that within a circle on the flap. Pro. 1859, p. 42. Re-enacted 1889. Pro., p. 100.

2. Where no official collar is worn, a collar of scarlet velvet coming to a point in front, edged with narrow gold lace, from which may be suspended a triple interlaced triangle of gold or yellow metal as a jewel. Pro. 1859, p. 42.

Committees.

1. The appointment of Committees is the prerogative of the High Priest. Pro. 1871, p. 33; Cons., Sec. 10.

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8. The General Grand Chapter claims no jurisdiction over the degree of Past Master conferred upon a Master-elect of a symbolic Lodge as a part of the installation ceremony. Pro. 1853. Reprint of Pro., p. 328.

9. It is not competent for a Chapter to confer the degree of Past Master upon a Master-elect of a symbolic Lodge who has not received the degree of Mark Master. Pro. 1874, pp. 26, 60.

10. A Chapter can recognize no other Past Master's degree than the one conferred by it, and no other person is eligible to receive it except he be a Mark Master. Pro. 1874, pp. 26, 60.

11. The General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and it is inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action concerning them. Pro. 1880, p. 71.

12. The ceremonies of the Past Master's degree should be confined within the narrowest constitutional limits, only retaining the obligation, the induction into the oriental chair, and the communication of the means of recognition. Pro. 1856. Reprint of Pro., p. 393. Pro. 1889, p. 82.

13. Sec. 43 of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter providing that "no Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer "the degrees on any candidate previously rejected by any other "Chapter without the consent of such rejecting Chapter, provided "such Chapter be in existence," does not apply to Subordinate Chapters working under a State Grand Chapter, unless the latter should make it effective by legislation. Pro. 1894, p. 53.

14. In the matter of a Brother residing within the jurisdiction of one of our Subordinate Chapters, who, upon a visit to Scotland, his native land, was there exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason, it is the opinion of your Committee that whilst the Chapter of his residence may complete his qualifications as a Royal Arch Mason by conferring upon him such intermediate degrees as are not conferred in a foreign land, yet that the practice of a Brother leaving the place of his residence

and obtaining exaltation abroad is one which deserves the strongest disfavor, and that the Royal Arch Mason thus made ought (unless satisfactory reasons to the contrary appear) to be denied the privilege of visitation. Pro. 1894, p. 128.

15. Where the *Constitution* of a *Grand Chapter* expressly authorizes the conferring of degrees on ministers of God, without charge, it can be done lawfully. Pro. 1897, pp. 41, 173.

16. In the case of a Mark, constructed in part of "initials per a certain Key," inscribed correctly as to instructions, but incorrectly as to intention, through erroneous explanation of the Key by the High Priest.

Held that the intention should prevail, and the inscription be made to comply therewith. Pro. 1897, pp. 42, 173.

17. Chapters should not confer degrees on the Sabbath day, usually known as Sunday. Pro. 1900, pp. 38, 111.

18. The Mark Master's degree and the Most Excellent Master's degree may be, in part, conferred on more than one candidate at the same time. Pro. 1900, pp. 38, 111.

19. Petitions for degrees must be made to a Chapter—must be presented and received at a regular meeting only, and the meetings which are distinguished as regular must be specified in the By-laws. Pro. 1900, pp. 38, 111.

20. When a candidate is elected to the Mark Master's degree, the Lodge should be regularly opened before the degree is conferred. Pro. 1903, pp. 42, 122.

21. The Grand Lodge of Porto Rico is a sovereign body with complete control over the Lodges of its obedience; that the Master Masons made in its Lodges are entitled to full and complete recognition everywhere, and as such are eligible to receive the degrees conferred in Royal Arch Chapters. Pro. 1906, p. 123.

22. A Brother who has not received the Most Excellent Master's degree is not eligible to be exalted to the Royal Arch degree, but where that is done by mistake such Brother may be

healed by having conferred upon him at the first opportunity the Most Excellent Master's degree. The Masonic standing of Brethren who are otherwise eligible to receive the Royal Arch degree and who do receive it is not affected by the ineligibility of a third brother who received such degree at the same time. Pro. 1912, p. 44.

23. After one or more of the degrees of the Chapter have been conferred upon a Brother who has been duly elected to receive all the degrees, a mere objection does not operate to prevent his advancement, but he is entitled to receive the remaining degrees, unless upon due trial he is convicted of a Masonic offense and is thereby deprived of such right. Pro. 1912, p. 44.

24. The exaltation of a candidate takes place when he has received the G. O. R. A. word and been armed and crowned. Pro. 1913, p. 37.

25. In the case of one who has taken the Mark Master degree in a Scotch Lodge, the chapter would be authorized to simply obligate the petitioner for the Mark Master degree, if certain he was proficient in the work of the degree, which would heal him as a Mark Master. Then proceed to confer the other degrees of the chapter upon him in the regular way, charging him the full amount of the fees charged in the chapter, which must not be less than \$20 for all of the degrees. Pro. 1915, p. 37.

See FEES, 2; MEETINGS, 7; QUORUM, 1, 3, 5; ROYAL AND SELECT MASTER, 1-5; SIDE DEGREES; WORK, 2.

Dimit.

1. Before a charter is issued to any Chapter in this jurisdiction, each Companion thereof shall present a dimit from the Chapter of which he was previously a member. Pro. 1883, p. 91.

2. A Companion may withdraw from the membership of his Chapter on giving personal or written notice of such desire and intention at a stated Convocation provided no charges are

pending against him and his indebtedness to the Chapter is fully discharged. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

3. A member of a Chapter having dimitted from his Lodge, "what must be done?"

Held that "In the absense of a By-law of the Chapter requiring that its members shall be Lodge affiliates, action on the part of the High Priest, to exclude, would not be proper." Pro. 1897, pp. 40, 173.

4. A Chapter cannot charge a fee for a dimit. Pro. 1897, pp. 42, 173.

5. No officer who has been duly elected and installed can dimit during his term, nor until his successor is duly elected and installed. Pro. 1897, pp. 42, 173.

6. Dimitted Royal Arch Masons who become demented before petitioning for affiliation in other Chapters are disqualified during the time of dementia. Pro. 1912, p. 43.

See CHARTERS, &C., 5.

Diplomas.

1. All Diplomas or Certificates of same should bear the certificate of the General Grand Secretary that the Chapter is under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. Pro. 1897, pp. 42, 173.

2. In the case of loss of a Diploma a certificate that the Diploma had been issued and lost should be given—not a duplicate Diploma. Pro. 1897, pp. 42, 173.

3. The issues of Certificates or Diplomas to Chapters in foreign parts, in blank under the seal of the General Grand Chapter should be discontinued. Pro. 1909, p. 130.

Discipline.

1. A General Grand Secretary was expelled by resolution of the General Grand Chapter made to take effect "unless he pay over moneys in his hands belonging to the General Grand Chapter," and it was ordered that such expulsion should be

announced by public notice. Pro. 1835. Reprint of Pro., p. 132. Pro. 1838, pp. 143, 145.

2. Expulsion from a Lodge excludes from all Masonic communication. Pro. 1838. Pro. 1850. Reprint of Pro., pp. 151, 269.

3. Expulsion by a Lodge deprives the expelled member of every Masonic right, not only in Lodge but in Chapter. After expulsion, for good cause the Lodge may restore him to his Masonic rights, and such restoration will make him a Master Mason in good standing, and thereby restore him to his rights as a Royal Arch Mason, except membership in his Chapter. Pro. 1874, pp. 26, 60.

4. When the action of a Lodge in case of discipline is reversed or annulled for any reason by competent authority, the party regains the status that he had at the commencement of the proceedings. Pro. 1874, pp. 26, 60.

5. A Chapter must give to discipline by a Lodge the same effect that it has under the laws of the Grand Lodge, and a Chapter has no right to inquire into the regularity of the proceedings of the Lodge; they must be taken as valid until reversed by competent authority. Chapters cannot fix the standing of Master Masons, but take them as made by the Lodge and their standing as fixed by Lodges. Pro. 1874, pp. 25, 60. Pro. 1883, p. 23.

Dispensation.

A Grand High Priest cannot annul the ordinary force of a law of the Grand Chapter unless the power to do so is expressly conferred upon him by the Grand Chapter. Pro. 1883, p. 91.

See CHAPTERS, 1; CHAPTERS, U.D., CHARTERS, &C., 6, 8; G.: G.: CHAPTER, 18.

Dues.

1. A Chapter may compensate its Secretary for his services by an appropriation of its funds, but it cannot exempt him from the payment of dues on that account. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

2. A Chapter may suspend the membership of a Companion for the non-payment of dues, but only after due notice to him of such contemplated action and the vote of the Chapter at a stated Convocation. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

3. The dues of a member of a Chapter accrue from the date of his exaltation or affiliation. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

4. "Is it lawful and Constitutional to exempt ministers of God from the payment of annual dues, under a by-law of a Subordinate Chapter, approved by such Grand Chapter?"

Held that it is lawful, and being lawful, the part of the query as to Constitutionality cannot apply if the Constitution be silent on the subject.

The decision "Degrees, part 7," Digest of the G. G. Chapter, only applies directly to the immediate subordinates of the General Grand Chapter. Pro. 1897, pp. 41, 173.

See CHAPTERS, U. D. 13; SUSPENSION.

Educational Institutions.

It is not deemed appropriate for the General Grand Chapter to give aid toward the establishment of educational institutions; it approves of education and of all proper means designed for its promotion, but the creation of institutions for such purpose, their regulation and support are matters beyond the purposes and without the power of the General Grand Chapter. It has no funds or means to obtain them which could be applied to such purposes. Pro. 1838. Reprint of Pro., p. 140. Pro. 1874, p. 63.

Expulsion.

See DISCIPLINE, 2, 3; RESTORATION.

Fees and Dues.

1. Fees and dues to the General Grand Chapter are payable in United States currency. Pro. 1897, pp. 42, 173.

2. Twenty dollars is the minimum amount fixed by the

Constitution of the General Grand Chapter for the Capitular degrees. The compact between the Grand and Subordinate Chapters and General Grand Chapter when formed provides that there shall be no conflict in their Constitutions. Hence no Grand or Subordinate Chapter can adopt a By-law reducing the fee below twenty dollars. Pro. 1903, p. 42 (see Report of Committee on Jurisprudence, Pro., p. 122. Compare same with Section 21 of Constitution).

3. If any part of the fee has been paid of the applicant who has been rejected, the fee should be returned to him, and if it has been paid over to the treasurer, the chapter should order a warrant drawn for the amount repaid. The chapter has not given value received for the money and has no right to retain it.

See DEGREES, 7; DUES, 1.

Funerals.

1. A Chapter has a right to appear at a funeral conducted by a Lodge of Master Masons when so invited, taking such position in the procession as may be assigned by the Lodge having charge. Pro. 1877, p. 89.

General Grand Chapter.

1. The prevention of its meeting in 1812 by war did not destroy existence of General Grand Chapter. Pro. 1816. Reprint of Pro., p. 41. Pro. 1865, p. 4.

2. A Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons cannot be legally formed in a State or Territory of the United States of America without the consent of the General Grand Chapter. Pro. 1826. Reprint of Pro., pp. 84, 5, 6 and 7.

3. The General Grand Chapter will not recognize the legality of a Grand Chapter formed by Chapters not legally created. Pro. 1844. Reprint of Pro., p. 190. Pro. 1847. Reprint of Pro., p. 233; Cons., Sec. 23.

4. The Grand Chapter of South Carolina could not legally

establish a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at St. Augustine, Florida. Pro. 1844. Reprint of Pro., p. 191.

5. The General Grand Chapter cannot receive any document purporting to be a complaint against a Grand Chapter. Pro. 1856. Reprint of Pro., p. 378.

6. The General Grand Chapter cannot proceed with business till after the Committee on Credentials has reported, or has in some way determined who are members thereof entitled to vote. Pro. 1859, p. 9.

7. That the authority of the General Grand Chapter of right obtains, and is in force in such portions of the United States as are not provided with a legal Grand Chapter, has been asserted and assumed from A. D., 1798. Pro. 1868, p. 36.

8. The General Grand Chapter was convened at Columbus, Ohio, September 7, 1865, by direction of Albert G. Mackey, General Grand High Priest, six years after its last triennial meeting at Chicago, during which period the war of the rebellion had been waged and peace restored to the country, said meeting being called by notice communicated to its constituents by publication. Pro. 1865, p. 4, and see Pro. 1816. Reprint of Pro., p. 41.

9. The General Grand Chapter has never ceased to exist since its organization. Pro. 1871, p. 37.

10. It has authority to determine all questions in regard to the work. Pro. 1871, p. 37.

11. Officers of Grand and Subordinate Chapters at their installation and candidates are required to bind themselves to support the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter. Pro. 1871, p. 37.

12. The jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter over a territory of the United States of America in which no Grand Chapter has been formed is exclusive. Pro. 1877, pp. 19, 89.

13. The General Grand Chapter having declared the char-

ter of a Subordinate Chapter forfeited, it would be error in its officers to recognize its legal existence thereafter, although facts came to their knowledge which led them to believe that the General Grand Chapter had acted under a mistaken impression as to the real facts controlling its action. The remedy should be sought in memorializing the General Grand Chapter or in obtaining a new dispensation or charter. Pro. 1889, p. 80.

14. The General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction in the State of Pennsylvania. Pro. 1856. Reprint of Pro., p. 390.

15. Indian Territory is under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and State Grand Chapters have no jurisdiction therein. Pro. 1886, pp. 42, 120.

16. The General Grand Chapter declares its intention to adhere to its former habit of non-intervention in foreign States and their institutions. It will not authorize the organization of Chapters there, nor intervene in their management or control. Pro. 1886, p. 96.

17. The original compact between every Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter was made at the request of one with the assent of the other; being mutual it can only be severed by mutual consent. There is no reserved right of withdrawal. Pro. 1859, p. 35. Pro. 1868, p. 28.

18. Under the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter the By-law of a State Grand Chapter, within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter which gave to the Deputy Grand High Priest power to grant dispensations for the formation of Chapters, notwithstanding the Grand High Priest was within the State and able to discharge such duty, is in conflict with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and necessarily void. Pro. 1886, pp. 121, 122.

19. The powers of the General Grand Chapter are derived from the respective Grand Chapters. Pro. 1856. Reprint of Pro., p. 388.

20. The General Grand Chapter cannot adopt a resolution

binding at its next Convocation without incorporating it into the Constitution. Pro. 1877, pp. 89, 90.

21. The General Grand Chapter possesses no power to provide funds for the payment of the debts of Royal Arch Masons. Pro. 1900, pp. 38, 111.

22. That Masonic charity is customarily dispensed by Masons residing in the vicinity of the recipients, and is made the subject of control by Grand bodies only when conditions appear to require permanent provision, when the provision usually takes the form of a Masonic Home. Pro. 1900, pp. 38, 111.

23. The latest adopted law suspends all laws and decisions inconsistent with it. Pro. 1900, p. 121.

See APPEAL, 2, 3; CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION, 8, 11, 12, 13; CHARTERS, &c., 4; DEGREES, 8, 11; EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION; GRAND CHAPTERS, 1, 4, 5, 8; HIGH PRIESTHOOD, 1; INSTALLATION; MEETINGS, 1, 2, 3; OFFICERS, 5; ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, 2, 3, 4; VOTES, 1, 2; WORK, 1.

General Grand High Priest.

1. He has no power to change the place of the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter fixed by the General Grand Chapter, and no power to change the time of the Convocation, unless there shall be danger of life or health in holding the convocation at the appointed time. Pro. 1874, pp. 27, 60.

2. The General Grand High Priest has no power to grant to a Chapter, immediately subordinate to the General Grand Chapter, a dispensation authorizing the reconsideration of a ballot upon the petition of a candidate. Pro. 1891, p. 43.

3. No provision of the Constitution authorizes the appointment of a Deputy Grand High Priest for China. Pro. 1894, p. 53.

See APPEAL, 3; CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION, 1-6.

Grand Chapters.

1. Three Subordinate Chapters (one of them under dispensation) unite and, without authority therefor from the General Grand Chapter, form a Grand Chapter; their work held to be illegal. Pro. 1844. Reprint of Pro., p. 193.

2. When the Subordinate Chapters under a Grand Chapter, except one, cease to exist, the powers of the Grand Chapter are lost and its existence terminates. Pro. 1844. Reprint of Pro., p. 194.

3. As to what circumstances may terminate the existence of a Grand Chapter. See Pro. 1844. Reprint of Pro., p. 195.

4. All Grand Chapters which failed to meet in consequence of the war, declared to be in good standing in General Grand Chapter, and entitled to continue their relation with it. Pro. 1865, p. 27.

5. When a convention of delegates from Chapters, assembled to form a Grand Chapter, adopts a Constitution and By-laws, elects Grand Officers, and the Grand Chapter is constituted, the convention is *functus officio*, its powers passing to the Grand Chapter thus organized under the limitations of the Constitution. Pro. 1877, pp. 18, 89.

6. A Grand Chapter has the right to limit the qualifications of candidates for the office of High Priest. Pro. 1883, p. 91.

7. There is no authority for Chapters in two States or Territories to unite and form a Grand Chapter. Pro. 1874, pp. 15, 60.

8. The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter does not require Grand Chapters to admit Past High Priests to membership therein, but permits it under constitutional enactment. Pro. 1883, pp. 69, 90.

9. The Grand Chapter of the Indian Territory has full and perfect jurisdiction, as a Grand Chapter, within the territorial limits assigned to it at the time of its organization—that is to say, within the whole of the Indian Territory, as it existed at

the time when the Grand Chapter was created; and the Act of Congress, by which the Indian Territory was divided and the Territory of Oklahoma formed, did not divide and could not divide the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the Indian Territory. Pro. 1891, p. 41.

10. A Grand Chapter is, and of right should be the final arbiter of all questions arising within its jurisdiction (excepting such questions as may be taken to the General Grand Chapter), and subject only to the restrictions of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the force of the Ancient Landmarks, it has the power to make and unmake all the law for the government of Royal Arch Masonry within its territory. Pro. 1891, p. 41.

11. A ruling made under the law of the General Grand Chapter (see pp. 321, 328, Reprint, and p. 91, Pro. 1883), that a Grand High Priest cannot dispense with a law of his Grand Chapter in the absence of Constitutional authority so to do, giving rise to adverse criticism by eminent Companions, an opinion was solicited by the Grand High Priest on the matter, to which I responded as follows:

"It is true, as suggested by the several distinguished Companions of your Grand Chapter, that the legislation of the General Grand Chapter is advisory to State Grand Chapters, and not mandatory on them, and that a State Grand Chapter 'subject only to the restrictions of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and the binding force of the Ancient Landmarks,' has the power to make and unmake all the laws for the government of Royal Arch Masonry within its territory (vide decision of the, then, General Grand High Priest, Companion DAVID F. DAY, p. 42, Pro. G.: G.: Chapter, 1891, and approved by the General Grand Chapter, p. 135, Pro. 1891), but high regard is certainly due to the assembled wisdom of the Royal Craft in its National Body, even if its declarations are not enforced by disciplinary power, and a Grand High Priest, who has solemnly promised to maintain and support the Constitution and Regulations of the General Grand Chap-

ter, and, inferentially, its expositions of Capitular law, would find it impracticable to justify his disobedience of them.

"It is obvious, of course, that your Grand Chapter, by Constitutional provision, can clothe its Grand High Priest with authority to grant Dispensations in his discretion, or extend the limit, specifically, but under the conditions which confronted you there was, in my judgment, no other proper course than that which you pursued." Pro. 1897, pp. 42, 173.

12. Until the General Grand Chapter grants a charter or dispensation for a Chapter in Alaska, the same is to be regarded as unoccupied territory, and until such charter or dispensation is granted, any State Grand Chapter is authorized to exercise jurisdiction over Master Masons residing in said territory applying for the Royal Arch and preparatory degrees. Pro. 1903, p. 122.

13. When a Grand Chapter has been formed it has exclusive jurisdiction over all the Chapters within the State where it is created and it becomes the duty of such Chapters to submit to and obey such Grand Chapter, or the Grand High Priest in all respects their lawful authority as provided by their Constitution and Laws. Pro. 1909, p. 128.

14. It is plainly the intendment of the Constitution that the jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter shall be restricted to the State in which it exists, and a Chapter created by it outside of such State would, therefore, be unlawful and the dispensation void. Pro. 1909, p. 129.

See APPEAL, 1, 2; CHAPTERS, U. D., 12; CHARTERS, &c., 2, 3; DISPENSATION; GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 17; OFFICERS, 5; PAST HIGH PRIESTS.

Grand High Priests.

The General Grand Chapter Constitution does not provide that a Grand High Priest must be a Past High Priest, but leaves it to Grand Chapters to fix the qualifications of their officers. Pro. 1874, p. 27; Cons., Sec. 24.

See DISPENSATION; OFFICERS, 5.

Great Lights.

The three great lights in Freemasonry are the only requisites needed for display on the Altar during Convocations held under the jurisdiction of the Capitular Rite. Pro. 1906, pp. 34, 120.

Healed.

1. A Brother who has not received the Most Excellent Master's degree is not eligible to be exalted to the Royal Arch degree, but where that is done by mistake such Brother may be healed by having conferred upon him at the first opportunity the Most Excellent Master's degree. The Masonic standing of brethren who are otherwise eligible to receive the Royal Arch degree and who do receive it is not affected by the ineligibility of a third Brother who received such degree at the same time. Pro. 1912, p. 44.

High Priests.

1. A Subordinate Chapter has not power to entertain charges against its High Priest, or to try him on charges preferred, expel him from membership, or remove him from office; such a proceeding is unprecedented and unmasonic. Pro. 1844. Reprint of Pro., p. 196.

2. A High Priest holds his office until his successor is elected and installed. Pro. 1889, p. 80.

3. No general Capitular law requires the High Priest of a Chapter to have served as King or Scribe. Grand Chapters, however, have the right to limit the qualifications. (See Digest, GRAND CHAPTERS, 6.) Pro. 1894, p. 54.

See COMMITTEES, 1; GRAND CHAPTER, 6; MINUTES, 2; SUBSTITUTES, 2.

High Priesthood.

1. It is not competent for the General Grand Chapter to define the duties or powers of a Council of High Priests. Pro. 1853. Reprint of Pro., pp. 318, 327.

2. It is not necessary to receive the Order of High Priesthood to discharge the duties and powers of a presiding officer of a Chapter. Pro. 1853. Reprint of Pro., pp. 318, 328.

"Holy Royal Arch."

1. The use of the word "Holy" as a prefix to the words "Royal Arch" is inadmissible. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

Installation.

1. The officers of the General Grand Chapter may be installed in public. Pro. 1850. Reprint of Pro., p. 269.

2. The Installation of a King-elect performed without the body of the Chapter is null and void. Pro. 1897, pp. 26, 173.

3. To doubt expressed as to the legality of the Installation of Officers named in the charter and not elected after the charter is received. See 9, Charters and Dispensations, Digest 1891.

Held that this apparent requirement, per Digest, grows out of a decision by Companion ENGLISH, but not having been confirmed by the General Grand Chapter (see pp. 15, 88, Pro. G.: G.: Chapter, 1877), did not, in my opinion, obtain the force of law; in addition, the Ceremonial for Constituting a Chapter (see pp. 295, 296 Pro. G.: G.: Chapter, 1891) distinctly provides for the Installation of the Officers as named in the Charter. Pro. 1897, pp. 26, 173.

4. Elected officers cannot be installed by proxy. Pro. 1903, p. 122.

5. Any Past High Priest, in the presence of the High Priest of the chapter, can perform the ceremony of installation of newly elected officers. Pro. 1915, p. 38.

Jurisdiction.

1. A candidate must apply for the Chapter degrees to the Chapter having jurisdiction over the territory where his legal

residence—the place of his citizenship, his fixed place of abode—is; and without regard to the location of the Lodge of which he is a member. Pro. 1877, p. 23.

2. A Chapter has power to waive jurisdiction over its material. It cannot confer that power on its principal officers or either of them. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

3. The jurisdiction of a Chapter is determined by actual distance, and there is no law of the General Grand Chapter permitting interference by the General Grand High Priest on the basis of convenience of travel. Pro. 1894, p. 52.

4. The General Grand Chapter has no control over the question of jurisdiction of Subordinate Chapters working under charters from State Grand Chapters, which alone control the matter of jurisdiction. Pro. 1903, pp. 42, 122.

5. When a Grand Chapter has been formed it has exclusive jurisdiction over all the Chapters within the State where it is created and it becomes the duty of such Chapters to submit to and obey such Grand Chapter, or the Grand High Priest in all respects their lawful authority as provided by their Constitution and Laws. Pro. 1909, p. 128.

6. It is plainly the intendment of the Constitution that the jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter shall be restricted to the State in which it exists, and a Chapter created by it outside of such State would, therefore, be unlawful and the dispensation void. Pro. 1909, p. 129.

See CANDIDATES; DEGREES; GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, 14, 15; HIGH PRIESTS, 1; ROYAL AND SELECT MASTER.

Lecturer.

1. Unless the by-laws of a subordinate chapter provided for a Lecturer, the G. G. H. P. would have no authority to appoint one unless the request should come from the chapter itself asking for the appointment of some one whom he knew to be qualified to instruct in the ritual. Pro. 1915, p. 38.

Lodge.

The proper designation of the King and Scribe in Lodges of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master Masons is Senior and Junior Grand Wardens. Pro. 1889, p. 27.

The committee were divided and the General Grand Chapter took no action. *Ibid.*, p. 81.

See WORK, 2.

Meetings.

1. The Council of the General Grand Chapter postponed the triennial meeting in September, 1832, to November 28, 1832, because of the prevalence of cholera. Pro. 1832. Reprint of Pro., p. 112.

2. The General Grand Chapter designated the place for its next triennial meeting and authorized the General Grand Council to fix the time thereof; the General Grand Council agreed upon and announced a time for the meeting, but thereafter being informed of difficulties which would embarrass and incommode the members of the General Grand Chapter announced another time, held that the whole matter was continuously in the power of the General Grand Council and that the change of time was authorized. Pro. 1889, p. 80; Cons., Sec. 5.

3. The General Grand Chapter has never ceased to exist; the meeting at Columbus, Ohio, in 1865, was not a special Convocation, but the regular triennial meeting which would have been held at Memphis in 1862, had not the war interrupted. Pro. 1816. Reprint of Pro., p. 41. Pro. 1871, pp. 17, 37.

4. The meetings of a Subordinate Chapter are regular or special. The former are fixed by the By-laws and are held at stated intervals; the latter may be at the pleasure of the High Priest. Pro. 1886, p. 121.

5. No business can be transacted at a special meeting, except that for which the meeting was called, of which meeting

and business the resident Companions should have notice. Pro. 1886, p. 121.

6. There cannot be a secret or emergency meeting held by a portion of the members to the exclusion of another portion, and the admission of candidates at an emergency meeting is wrong. In electing candidates to receive degrees all the resident members should be notified; none should be kept in ignorance of names presented for degrees. Pro. 1886, p. 121.

7. Petitions for degrees and affiliation can only be received at a stated Convocation and cannot be acted upon by ballot until a subsequent stated Convocation; no emergency will justify a different course. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

8. Verbal notice of special meetings and business to be transacted, given at a Convocation of a Chapter, is a legal and sufficient notice to those Companions who are present. Pro. 1894, p. 54.

See CHARGES; GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, 1, 8; GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST, 1; GRAND CHAPTERS, 4; QUORUM.

Membership.

1. Dual membership is illegal. Pro. 1833, pp. 21, 22; Cons., Sec. 39.

2. In case of a member of a Chapter "deprived of all rights and privileges, except the right of petition," by failure to petition for affiliation as required by the law of the Grand Lodge.

Held that a member of a Chapter deprived of his rights and privileges, as a Master Mason under a Grand Lodge law, cannot be continued as a member in good standing, whilst such disability exists. Pro. 1897, pp. 41, 173.

See AFFILIATION; CANDIDATES, 1, 2; CHAPTERS, U. D., 9; DEGREES, 5; DIMITS, 2; DISCIPLINE, 3, 5; DUES, 2; HIGH PRIESTS, 1; PAST HIGH PRIESTS; RESTORATION; SUSPENSION.

Minutes.

1. The records of a Chapter should embrace the names and official titles of the officers present at each Convocation, and

the names of all members and visitors in attendance. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

2. The minutes of the proceedings of every Convocation should be read and approved before closing the Chapter and the full record thereof read and adopted at the next stated Convocation and should be signed by the High Priest and Secretary. Pro. 1886, p. 126.

Objection.

1. A member not present when a unanimous ballot has been taken, but, coming in subsequently and objecting, the case must be re-committed and a further unanimous ballot had. Pro. 1856, p. 384.

2. When objection is made to a candidate by a Companion after ballot and the objection stated to the Chapter, the matter should be referred to a committee, and on the report of such committee, decided by the Chapter by a majority vote. Pro. 1886, pp. 46, 120.

3. Among the by-laws of Helena Chapter, No. 2, Montana, was the following: "A candidate elected to this Chapter shall be considered as elected to all the degrees; but the advancement of any candidate may be stopped by the objection of any member." It appeared that a Brother who had received the degree of Mark Master, in this Chapter, had had his progress stopped by the written objection of a Companion, as follows: "I wish herewith to enter "my objection to his further advancement, now or at any other time." It also appeared that the by-laws of Helena Chapter did not define the length of time during which an objection of this character would be operative. The question asked was how long such objection would remain effectual.

Held:—That it would be competent for a Chapter to adopt a by-law which would limit and define the period during which such objection would remain a bar to the candidate's further advancement; but in the absence of such an express provision, the question must be answered according to the analogy which

the case presents to that of the rejection of a candidate by ballot; and that as the General Grand Chapter had already determined (see Pro. 1889, pp. 80 and 81) that six months must elapse after the rejection of a candidate before his petition can be again considered, such an objection as had been interposed in this case had not and ought not to have any greater force than an unfavorable ballot; and that when the length of time thus prescribed by the General Grand Chapter in the case of a rejected petition has elapsed after making of the objection, the Chapter may proceed to confer the degrees upon the Brother—subject to a renewal of the objection. Pro. 1891, p. 43.

4. In the matter of objections to advancement of a candidate, after election, being withdrawn by one objector and adhered to by another on the ground of doubt as to permanent removal of the cause, held,

That should the Companion still refuse to withdraw his objection, such objection should be duly regarded. Pro. 1894, p. 128.

5. An objection is valid when made by a Companion to the advancement of a Brother, if it is simply lodged as such, without any reason or ground given therefor. Pro. 1894, p. 52.

6. All objections made to one High Priest by a Companion continue in force as far as his successor is concerned, until withdrawn or disposed of according to law. Pro. 1894, p. 52.

7. After one or more of the degrees of the Chapter have been conferred upon a brother who has been duly elected to receive all the degrees, a mere objection does not operate to prevent his advancement, but he is entitled to receive the remaining degrees, unless upon due trial he is convicted of a Masonic offense and is thereby deprived of such right. Pro. 1912, p. 44.

8. In the absence of a by-law limiting the period during which an objection would be effective, no ballot can be had until six months have expired, when, if the objection has not been withdrawn, a new ballot may be taken, which must be unanimous if a candidate is to receive the degrees. Pro. 1915, p. 38.

Officers.

1. In the event of the death of the General Grand High Priest, the next officer, *i. e.*, the Deputy General Grand High Priest becomes an acting General Grand High Priest, but does not acquire the rank or title of the presiding officer. Pro. 1883, pp. 72, 91.

2. The duties of a Treasurer are defined, by immemorial usage, to be, to receive, safely keep and pay out on order the funds entrusted to his care, and this notwithstanding there is no written regulation on the subject. Pro. 1841. Reprint of Pro., p. 160.

3. The title is Secretary and not Recorder. Pro. 1853. Reprint of Pro., p. 330.

4. The funds of the General Grand Chapter must be paid immediately to the Treasurer; he is the only legitimate depository of the funds of the General Grand Chapter. Pro. 1853. Reprint of Pro., p. 327.

5. Officers of State Grand Chapters possess no powers except such as are expressly conferred by constitutional authority. Pro. 1853. Reprint of Pro., p. 321.

6. An elected officer cannot be installed by proxy. Pro. 1903, p. 122.

7. The Secretary elected and installed continues in office until his successor is elected and installed. Pro. 1903, p. 122.

8. The King of a chartered Chapter who permanently removes to another jurisdiction does not thereby create a vacancy, which permits or requires the election of a successor during the term for which he was installed. Pro. 1912, p. 43.

See APPEAL, 1; CHAPTERS, 2; CHARTERS, &C., 1, 8; DISPENSATION; HIGH PRIESTS, 1, 2; LODGE; RANK, 1, 3; WORK, 1.

Past High Priests.

When a Grand Chapter, pursuant to paragraph 4, Section 24 of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, admits Past High Priests to membership, it must and does admit them

on an equal footing with all other members. Pro. 1886, pp. 47, 120.

See CHAPTERS, 2; GRAND CHAPTERS, 8; GRAND HIGH PRIESTS.

Past Masters.

See DEGREES, 8, 9, 10, 12.

Physical Qualifications.

See CANDIDATES, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

Proxy.

1. It was decided that no compensation would be allowed a member of the General Grand Chapter for attendance as proxy of a General Grand Officer. Pro. 1826. Reprint of Pro., p. 91.

2. The provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5, of Section 2, of the Constitution, authorizing the appointment of proxies, constitute a personal privilege, which must be exercised by the officer whom the proxy represents. Pro. 1886, p. 118.

3. The authority of a proxy to act as such must be in writing, and signed by the officer making the appointment. Pro. 1886, p. 118.

4. It is not necessary that the authority of a proxy of a Grand Officer should be authenticated by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, nor that the proxy of a Subordinate Chapter be authenticated by the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter; such authentication, though not necessary, is recommended when it can be obtained conveniently. Pro. 1886, p. 118.

5. There is no law of the General Grand Chapter which authorizes members of a Chapter to vote on proxies given by absent members. Pro. 1897, pp. 25, 173.

6. In the matter of vacancy in the Council of Grand Officers of a Grand Chapter caused by death.

Held that it was within the province of the Grand High Priest to appoint to said vacancy any affiliated Royal Arch Mason of his jurisdiction, to serve as representative to the General Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in their report, which was adopted by the General Grand Chapter, says:

We do not think that this decision is a correct exposition of the rule which we regard as applicable to such a case. There could be no proxy for one dead; but, if permitted to do so by the law of his Grand Chapter, the proper course would be for the Grand High Priest to fill the vacancy created by the death of an officer, it being obvious that giving a proxy is a personal privilege which can be exercised only by the individual who actually holds the office for the time being, and not by another—and in this view we think we are sustained by Section 9 of the Constitution. Pro. 1897, pp. 29, 173.

7. No elected officer can be installed by proxy. Pro. 1903, p. 122.

Quorum.

1. For all purposes except opening and closing a Chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the Chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum. Pro. 1877, p. 96.

2. Nine Royal Arch Masons are necessary to open any of the bodies under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, but five (amended in 1883, p. 61, to read eight) may work as a Lodge of Mark Masters, seven as a Lodge of Past Masters, and seven as a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters. Pro. 1887, pp. 96, 98. Pro. 1883, p. 61.

3. A ballot for degrees or membership cannot be taken unless there are present at least nine members of the Chapter entitled to vote. Pro. 1877, pp. 22, 89, 96.

4. The decision of ENGLISH, G.: G.: H.: P.:, that it is not necessary for nine ballots to be cast upon an application (Pro. 1877, p. 22), disapproved. Pro. 1877, p. 89.

5. Nine members constitute a quorum; nine members must be present for all purposes except opening, closing and conferring degrees. Pro. 1880, p. 73. Pro. 1886, p. 47, and see Constitution, Section 44.

Rank.

1. The Treasurer outranks the Secretary. Pro. 1853. Reprint of Pro., p. 332.

2. At Masonic funerals the Lodge conducting the services is the ranking body. Pro. 1877, p. 27.

3. Installation is necessary to confer rank. Pro. 1883, pp. 71, 91.

4. The officers in Capitular Freemasonry are entitled and take rank as follows:

In the Mark Master's Lodge, a Master, whose title shall be Right Worshipful, and a Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Master Overseer, Senior Overseer, Junior Overseer and Tiler, whose titles shall be Brother.

In the Past Master's Lodge, a Master, whose title shall be Right Worshipful, and a Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon and Tiler, whose titles shall be Brother.

In the Most Excellent Master's Lodge, a Master, whose title shall be Right Worshipful, and a Senior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon and Tiler, whose titles shall be Brother.

In the Chapter, a High Priest, whose title shall be Excellent, a King, Scribe, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Master of 3d Veil, Master of 2d Veil, Master of 1st Veil, and Sentinel, whose titles shall be Companion.

The rank in the Royal Arch degree determines the rank in the Lodges; the Captain of the Host acting as Master of Ceremonies in the floor work.

In a Grand Chapter, a Grand High Priest, whose title shall be Most Excellent, a Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, whose

titles shall be Right Excellent, and a Grand Chaplain, Grand Captain of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Master of the 3d Veil, Grand Master of the 2d Veil, Grand Master of the 1st Veil, and Grand Sentinel, whose titles shall be Excellent.

The title of all officers of the General Grand Chapter is Companion.

All Past Officers retain their titles. Pro. 1891, pp. 148, 149.

5. The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter determines that the Treasurer ranks the Secretary, and is paramount to the resolution of 1891. Pro. 1894, pp. 53, 131.

Residence.

The residence of the family of a married man is usually and therefore *prima facie* his residence. Pro. 1886, pp. 45, 46.

Restoration.

1. Restoration by Lodge does not restore to membership in Chapter. Pro. 1874, pp. 26, 60.

2. In the case of a Grand High Priest suspended from his Lodge for unmasonic conduct, for the period of one year, no proceedings having been instituted in the Chapter of which he was a member, nor in the Grand Chapter, except to refer the matter to a committee, and having, upon the expiration of his term of suspension, resumed fraternal relations with Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, etc.

Held that the expiration of the period of suspension restored him to all rights of which he had been deprived, and that he was a Past Grand High Priest within the meaning of the Constitution. Pro. 1900, pp. 39, 111.

See DISCIPLINE, 3.

Reversal.

1. The effect of the reversal in Grand Lodge of the decision or judgment of the Subordinate Lodge is to annul the same and leave the parties affected thereby to stand as they did before such judgment was rendered; the ultimate or final judgment alone prevails. Pro. 1874, pp. 26, 60.

See DISCIPLINE, 4, 5.

Ritual.

1. The use of substitutes is not a violation of the ritual or of the installation charges delivered to a High Priest, but they should be used only to complete a class when necessary. Pro. 1871, p. 36. Pro. 1874, p. 61. Pro. 1886, pp. 42, 46.

2. The General Grand Chapter has authority to determine all questions in relation to the work. Pro. 1871, p. 37.

3. It is the duty of the first four officers to perfect themselves in the work of the degrees, and to prescribe the mode of work for the Subordinate Chapters. Pro. 1826. Reprint of Pro., p. 81.

4. Dependent Lodges cannot be declared opened or closed. Chapters are not called from labor to refreshments until the next regular Convocation, nor do they call to refreshment for the purpose of changing from one degree to another; they dispense with and resume labor. Pro. 1877, p. 93.

5. Dependent Lodges should not be opened, at stated Convocations, until the Chapter is first opened and dispensed with; after the work of the dependent Lodges is accomplished, they should be closed and the Chapter resume labor and be closed in form. Pro. 1894, p. 128.

6. Latitude is given the Grand Chapters interested to follow the work of their several Grand Lodges, where there is a difference existing between the Lodge and Chapter work in the same jurisdiction. Pro. 1912, p. 120.

(Report on Mississippi Memorial.)

RANK, 4.

Royal Arch Degree.

The use of substitutes is not a violation of the ritual or of the installation charges delivered to a High Priest; they should be used only to complete a class when necessary. Pro. 1871, p. 36. Pro. 1874, p. 61. Pro. 1886, pp. 42, 46.

Royal and Select Master—Degrees Of.

1. In 1844, Chapters were permitted to confer the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master after the Royal Arch, in States where no Grand Council existed. Pro. 1829. Pro. 1844. Reprint of Pro., p. 96. Reprint of Pro., p. 198. But see Pro. 1850. Reprint of Pro., p. 281.

2. The General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, and it is inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action concerning them. Pro. 1850. Reprint of Pro., p. 281. Pro. 1880, p. 71.

3. It is not competent for the General Grand Chapter to take any action on the subject of forming a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. Pro. 1853, p. 317.

4. The General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, and will not entertain questions on matters growing out of the government or working of them. Pro. 1850. Reprint of Pro., p. 281. Pro. 1853. Reprint of Pro., p. 317. Pro. 1880, p. 71. Pro. 1889, p. 81.

5. A Chapter under dispensation, claiming jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master, is not entitled to a charter. Pro. 1853, p. 320.

6. To query, in substance, by a Grand High Priest, whether his Grand Chapter was doing right in exercising jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, I replied:

"I do not feel at liberty to express an opinion other than may be inferred from the legislation of the General Grand Chapter on the subject, as published in its transactions, 1853, Reprint of Pro., p. 317; Pro. 1880, p. 71; Pro. 1889, pp. 31, 81.

"I may add, however, that I would that every Grand Chapter now exercising control over the Cryptic Degrees would prohibit the conferring of any degrees, by their Subordinates, other than Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, as did Maryland in 1872.

"There are now thirty-five State Grand Councils in the United States, besides Grand Councils in Canada, New Brunswick and England. Twenty-two of the State Grand Councils are constituents of the General Grand Council.

"I have long wondered why your State does not concede to the great majority correctness of conclusion as to the best interests of the Cryptic Rite, and join therewith in the advancement of those interests, both at home and abroad, as she always has so notably done in the other branches of Masonry." McCahan, G.: G.: H.: P.:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, in their report, which was adopted by the General Grand Chapter, says:

We concur in the views expressed in the opinion emphasizing the fact that the latter is to be regarded merely as an opinion as to the best form of government of the Royal and Select Master's degrees, and not to be held as a precedent for the government of those Grand Chapters which authorize the conferring of those degrees by their Chapters. Your Committee do not understand that any change in the policy of the General Grand Chapter heretofore prevailing in regard to these degrees is suggested, and agree that it should continue to decline to exercise any jurisdiction over them. Pro. 1897, pp. 43, 173.

Side Degrees.

No Royal Arch Mason within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter is permitted to confer any degree not recognized as a constitutional degree by the General Grand Chapter, nor to establish any society of Masons not recognized as a constitutional body. Pro. 1826. Reprint of Pro., p. 87.

Substitutes.

1. A resolution ordering "literal construction" was laid on the table in 1847. Pro. 1847. Reprint of Pro., p. 226.

2. The use of substitutes is not a violation of the ritual or of the installation charges delivered to a High Priest; but they should be used only to complete a class when necessary. Pro. 1871, p. 36. Pro. 1874, p. 61. Pro. 1886, pp. 42, 46.

3. The action of the General Grand Chapter with reference to substitutes is not mandatory but permissive. Grand Chapters may permit or prohibit their use. Pro. 1874, p. 25.

4. Substitutes can be used to complete a class of three in the Royal Arch degree whenever the necessities of the work require it. Such substitute should be prepared as though he were a *bona fide* candidate. Pro. 1871, p. 36. Pro. 1874, p. 61. Pro. 1886, pp. 42, 46.

Summons.

1. When a summons has been issued by vote of the Chapter and a Companion has failed to appear in obedience thereto, it is proper for the Chapter to order that notice be given to the Companion to appear in the Chapter at some time, which should be stated, and show cause why charges should not be preferred against him for disobeying the summons. Pro. 1894, p. 129.

2. A Chapter may be dissolved by the vote of a majority of its members. The membership of such Chapter need not be summoned, in the Masonic sense of the term, so long as those within reach have been notified of the proposed meeting at which the question is to be taken under consideration. Pro. 1906, p. 124.

Suspension.

The effect of suspension for non-payment of dues of a member of a Chapter by his Lodge must be determined by the laws of the Grand Lodge. If its effect is suspension from membership only, his standing in his Chapter is not affected, but if it is from all Masonic rights, he loses his standing as a Royal Arch Mason. Pro. 1850, p. 269. Pro. 1874, pp. 25, 26.

See DUES, 2.

Titles.

See RANK.

Treasurer.

See OFFICERS, 2, 4; RANK, 1.

Vacancy.

1. The King of a chartered Chapter who permanently removes to another jurisdiction does not thereby create a vacancy, which permits or requires the election of a successor during the term for which he was installed. Pro. 1912, p. 43.

2. High Priests of Chapters U.: D.: who permanently remove to other jurisdictions do not thereby vacate their office, so as to create a vacancy. In such cases the King performs the duties of High Priest. Pro. 1912, p. 43.

Votes.

1. An officer of the General Grand Chapter who is at the same time an officer of a State Grand Chapter is entitled to two votes in the General Grand Chapter by virtue of the said offices. Pro. 1826. Reprint of Pro., p. 84.

2. When a time is fixed for the election of officers of the General Grand Chapter it is not regular to hold the election at any other time, without reconsidering the vote establishing the time. Pro. 1850. Reprint of Pro., p. 260.

See BALLOT.

Work.

1. It is the duty of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter to perfect themselves in the work of the degrees, and to prescribe the mode of work for the Subordinate Chapters. Pro. 1826. Reprint of Pro., p. 81; Cons., Sec. 17.

2. Dependent Lodges cannot be declared opened or closed. Chapters are not called from labor to refreshment until the next regular Convocation, nor do they call to refreshment for the purpose of changing from one degree to another. They dispense with and resume labor. Pro. 1877, p. 93.

See DEGREES, 1, 2, 3, 4; LODGE; SUBSTITUTES; RITUAL, 4. 5.

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